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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

Mesenchymal stem cells are a multipotent cell type capable of differentiating toward a number of lineages of the musculoskeletal system, including bone, cartilage and fat. This multipotential capacity was first described over three decades ago, and since then, the potential use of MSCs for regenerative therapies has generated tremendous excitement and focus. MSCs are attractive for these applications for several reasons: in addition to their ability to take on multiple phenotypes, MSCs are readily expandable in culture and retain their multipotential characteristics with expansion. Further, MSCs and other similar progenitor cells can be isolated from a wide variety of tissue sources, thereby avoiding additional damage to diseased/injured tissues. These considerations drive the use of MSCs in cartilage tissue engineering efforts and significant advances have been made toward generating functional cartilage replacements. Not all progress with mesenchymal stem cell based cartilage has been successful, however, and considerable challenges remain in the realization of MSC-based cartilage for load-bearing applications. Despite their early promise, MSCs have yet to produce constructs with the mechanical and biochemical properties approaching that of the native tissue. The collagen matrix formed by these cells remains structurally disorganized, and further limit the mechanical function of engineered constructs. Therefore the overall objective of this work is to better understand the molecular and functional limitations underlying chondrogenic differentiation and enhance MSC chondrogenesis to generate functional replacement cartilage.

Thus the intent of Chapter 2 is to define the functional metrics required for the tissue engineering of articular cartilage, and to situate the current state of MSC-based constructs within this framework. In doing so, the components and function of articular cartilage are defined, and the progress made to date using differentiated cartilage cells (chondrocytes) for cartilage tissue engineering is reviewed. Discussion of this work includes methods of formation, biochemical formulations for enhancing *in vitro* development, as well as the use of mechanical forces to further direct the maturation of these engineered constructs. Finally, an overview of adult MSCs for cartilage applications is presented, as well as a discussion on MSC mechanobiology and the potential of mechanical stimulation to further the chondrogenic phenotype of these cells.

In Chapter 3, standard tissue engineering strategies successful in the chondrocyte literature (presented in Chapter 2) were applied to optimize MSC chondrogenesis in 3D culture. Specifically, the effects of increasing initial cell seeding density and the application of a novel media formulation (transient exposure to TGF- β 3) were evaluated on MSC-laden agarose constructs. This study tested two hypotheses: 1) that increasing the initial MSC seeding density would result in proportional increases in matrix accumulation, with resultant increases in mechanical properties and 2) that transient application of TGF- β 3 would generate constructs with superior GAG content and mechanical properties relative to constructs continuously exposed to TGF- β 3.

Chapter 4 describes the effects of mechanical stimulation on functional MSC chondrogenesis. The motivation for this study is self evident as mechanical forces play

an important role in cartilage development and have been shown to modulate the growth of chondrocyte-based constructs. In Chapter 4, mechanical stimulation in the form of dynamic compression (a well characterized loading modality) was applied to MSC-laden constructs after 3 days or 3 weeks of chondrogenic pre-culture. The effects of long-term loading on functional growth of these constructs was examined with respect to pre-culture duration (3 days or 3 weeks), loading duration (1 or 4 hours per day), frequency of the applied load (0.1 or 1 Hz) and TGF- β 3 supplementation (with or without) during loading.

In Chapter 5, the molecular profiles of chondrogenic MSCs were compared to that of undifferentiated MSCs and fully differentiated chondrocytes. As MSCs do not form functional matrix on par with that of chondrocytes, this study was carried out to identify molecular differences between the two cell types and establish new criteria for successful chondrogenesis. Donor-matched MSC- and chondrocyte-laden constructs from three donors were cultured under chondrogenic conditions. Functional growth was characterized throughout the culture duration and molecular profiles were assessed via microarray analysis for undifferentiated MSCs (day 0), chondrogenic MSCs (day 28) and chondrocytes (day 28). From this evaluation, a set of molecular factors was identified as potentially dis-regulated during chondrogenesis. Expression of these genes was confirmed in a separate study and differential deposition of identified ECM proteins examined.

While the focus of the studies presented in Chapters 3-5 (as well as current work in the field) has been on optimizing the compressive properties of MSC-based constructs, the tensile properties of articular cartilage are also crucial to its load-bearing role in the joint. The evolution of these properties in native cartilage is described in Chapter 2, however few studies have characterized the tensile properties of engineered constructs. Therefore, in Chapter 6, the tensile properties of MSC-laden constructs are described, relative to that of chondrocyte-laden constructs cultured identically.

To optimize tensile properties, a novel bioreactor was developed to apply sliding contact to cell-seeded agarose strips. As physiologic loading within the joint consists of two articulating cartilage layers sliding against one another, a better recapitulation of this mechanical environment may improve both the tensile and compressive properties of MSC-laden constructs, as well as instill structural anisotropy and inhomogeneity. To test this hypothesis, the study described in Chapter 7 examined the effects of short-term sliding contact on chondrogenesis under a range of axial strains in the presence or absence of TGF- β 3. Long-term sliding contact was applied using optimized parameters established from short-term studies and functional growth was assessed.

In Chapter 8, a high-throughput screening method was developed to rapidly screen chemical libraries for modulators of MSC chondrogenesis. To date, the majority of studies rely on one chemically defined media formulation to induce chondrogenic differentiation of MSCs. Though this formulation is successful to a certain extent, additional inducers may be necessary for a more complete conversion of phenotype.

Identification of chemical modulators (both inducers and inhibitors) of known action may also be useful in elucidating the signaling pathway underlying MSC chondrogenesis.

And finally, Chapter 9 contains a summary of the major findings stemming from this work, as well as a discussion of its implications for the field of cartilage tissue engineering and potential future research directions.

CHAPTER 2: BACKGROUND

2.1 Clinical Significance

Articular cartilage is a unique tissue whose function is predicated on a precise balance of extracellular matrix (ECM) components and chondrocytes. Together, these components produce and maintain structure and mechanical function over a lifetime of use. Disruption of the articulating cartilages, either through trauma or progressive degenerative diseases such as osteoarthritis (OA), engenders pain and loss of function to millions in the US, and hundreds of millions worldwide. The antecedents of OA have yet to be fully elucidated, but certain mechanical, genetic, and lifestyle risk factors have been identified (Felson et al. 2000). Pathologies associated with OA arise both within the articulating cartilage layers (fissuring, loss of matrix properties, progressive vascularization and eburnation), as well as within the subchondral bone supporting the cartilage layer. Many of the same features that enable cartilage function (a dense ECM, a lack of vascularity) also appear to impede normal healing responses in the tissue, and predispose a loss in functional capacity once the careful regulatory mechanisms that maintain the tissue become imbalanced.

This lack of endogenous healing necessitates methods for repair to restore joint function, the most common of which is total joint replacement. This replacement of bone and soft tissue with metal and plastic components represents the most significant advance in orthopaedic medicine over the last several decades; joint replacement has restored function to millions of patients who otherwise would be incapable of carrying out the functions of daily life. Indeed, with the aging of the US population, as well as increases

in lifespan, total joint replacement procedures are only becoming more common. A recent study suggested that the number of total knee replacements would increase by >600% by 2030, reaching as many as 3.5 million procedures performed per year in the US alone (Kurtz et al. 2007). Despite the successes of joint replacement in restoring function, the lifetime of implanted prosthetic components range between 10-15 years, and surgical methods are limited to only one revision procedure (in which a failing implant is replaced with a new component). Given the prevalence of this disease, the number of replacements performed annually, and the limited alternatives available, solutions to OA are increasingly in demand.

To address this pressing clinical need, the field of tissue engineering has focused on biologic reconstruction of articulating joints. Tissue engineering is loosely defined as the combination of cells and biocompatible materials to generate new, living, biologic tissues for implantation. A tenet of this approach is that biologic substitution is superior to material implantation as a biologic substitute by definition can remodel and sustain itself through normal cellular processes, much like the normal functioning tissue. Early successes in the production of cartilage and bone from cells cultured *ex vivo* as replacement tissue have suggested that tissue engineering may be a viable approach that can eliminate or forestall the need for joint replacement. Even in the absence of full functionality with engineered biologics, provision of an additional decade of joint health via a biologic substitute (prior to joint replacement) would immeasurably improve patient health, particularly as life expectancies continue to improve in the aged population.

2.2 Articular Cartilage

To fully comprehend the challenge of articular cartilage tissue engineering, an in-depth appreciation of the structure, composition, and function of the native tissue is required. The following sections briefly describe the main structural and mechanical features of cartilage that are critical to its functional role, as well as the events that underlie its formation, maturation, and maintenance through a lifetime of use.

2.2.1 Articular Cartilage: Composition and Mechanical Properties

As the load bearing material of diarthrodial joints, articular cartilage lines the bony surfaces and functions to transmit the high stresses that originate with motion through an elegant transition from soft to hard tissue, (**Figure 2-1**). Articular cartilage consists of both a solid matrix (Muir 1970; Clarke 1971; Eyre 1980; Eyre 2004) and a fluid phase (Lipshitz et al. 1976; Mankin et al. 1994). The solid matrix is composed of a dense network of type II collagen fibrils enmeshed in a solution of charged, aggregated proteoglycans (PGs: aggrecan core protein plus glycosaminoglycan (GAG) side chains). Collagen content ranges from 5-30% by wet weight and PG content from 2-10% (Muir 1980; Williamson et al. 2001), with the remainder of the tissue made up of water. Collagen forms a cross-linked co-polymeric network composed of collagen types II, IX and XI (Eyre 2004), and acts to immobilize proteoglycans within the ECM (Mankin et al. 1994). In developing articular cartilage, the proportions of collagens are roughly $\geq 10\%$ IX, $\geq 10\%$ XI, $\geq 80\%$ II, falling to $\sim 1\%$ IX, $\sim 3\%$ XI, $\geq 90\%$ II in adult cartilage (Eyre 2004). Mutations in collagen types II, IX and XI genes have been associated with the onset of cartilage degeneration and OA-like features (Reginato et al. 2002; Hu et al.

2006). Trifunctional hydroxypyridinium cross-links stabilize these collagen components and contribute to the tensile properties of the tissue. Chondrocytes make up less than 10% of the tissue (Mankin et al. 1994) and produce ECM to balance continual degradation and remodeling by MMPs (collagenases and aggrecanases) (Malemud et al. 1999; Nagase et al. 2003; Stanton et al. 2005). The composition, architecture, and remodeling of cartilage are uniquely adapted to function over a lifetime of repetitive use.

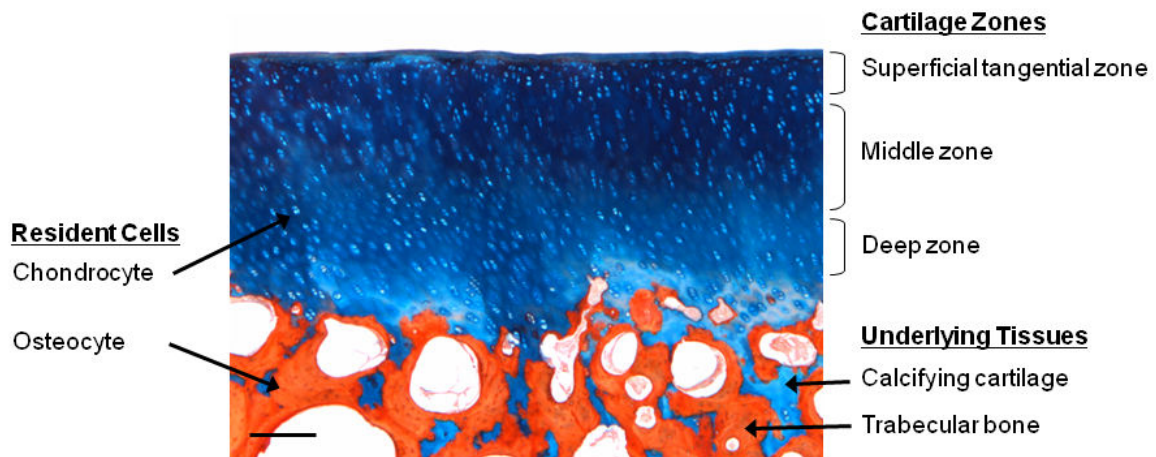


Figure 2-1: Articular cartilage histology showing zonal dependence and integration with underlying bone. Ovine tissue sample stained for proteoglycan (alcian blue) and collagen (picrosirius red). Scale bar: 200 μ m.

A normally active adult takes 1-2 million steps per year (Weightman 1976) and the resulting forces acting on cartilage range from 2.5 to 4.9 times the body weight (Paul et al. 1975; Armstrong et al. 1979). Loading is cyclical/intermittent (Dillman 1975; Paul et al. 1975) and stresses at the cartilage surface can range from 2-10 MPa (Fukubayashi et al. 1980; Ahmed et al. 1983; Brown et al. 1983). The dense PG-rich collagenous matrix of cartilage resists this loading environment with its high equilibrium compression modulus of 0.2-1.4 MPa (Mow et al. 1980; Frank et al. 1987; Athanasiou et al. 1991; Ateshian et al. 1997; Chen et al. 2001; Wang et al. 2002) and even higher tensile modulus

of 1-30 MPa (Woo et al. 1976; Roth et al. 1980; Grodzinsky et al. 1981; Akizuki et al. 1986; Schmidt et al. 1990) in the plane of the tissue. The organization and prevailing direction of collagen fibers (the split line direction, **Figure 2-2**) is of particular importance for the tensile properties, which are highest at the surface and in the split line direction (Woo et al. 1976; Mow et al. 2002; Chahine et al. 2004; Huang et al. 2005). Split lines have a different organization in loaded and unloaded regions of joints (Gomez et al. 2000) that is similar between patients (**Figure 2-3**), consistent with the idea that use defines structural organization (Below et al. 2002).

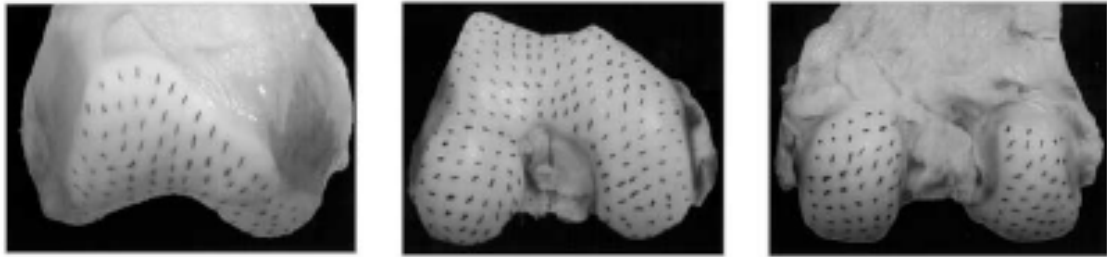


Figure 2-2: Representative split-line patterns of cadaveric femoral articular cartilage. (Below et al. 2002).

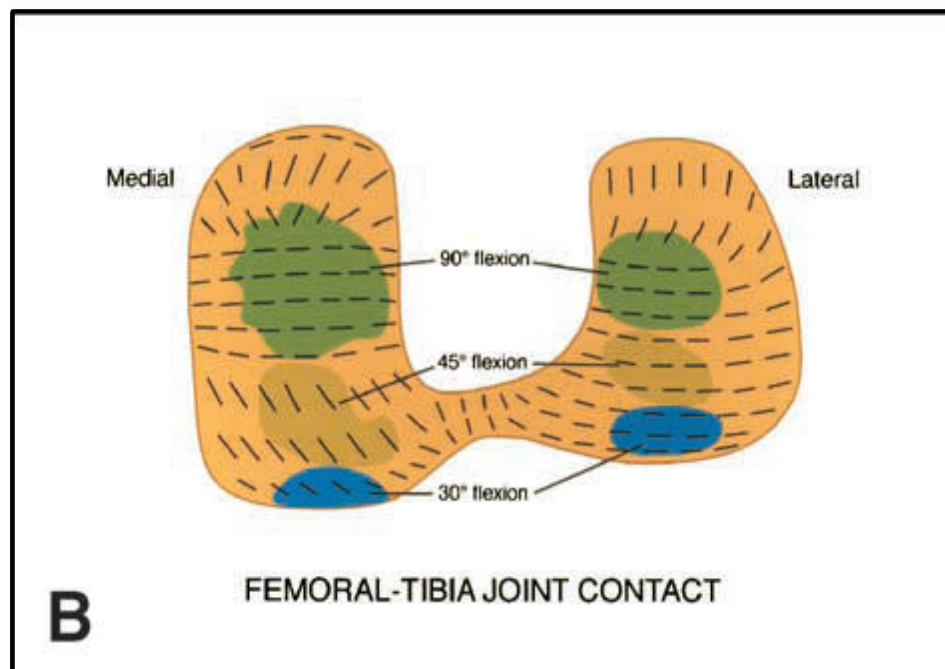
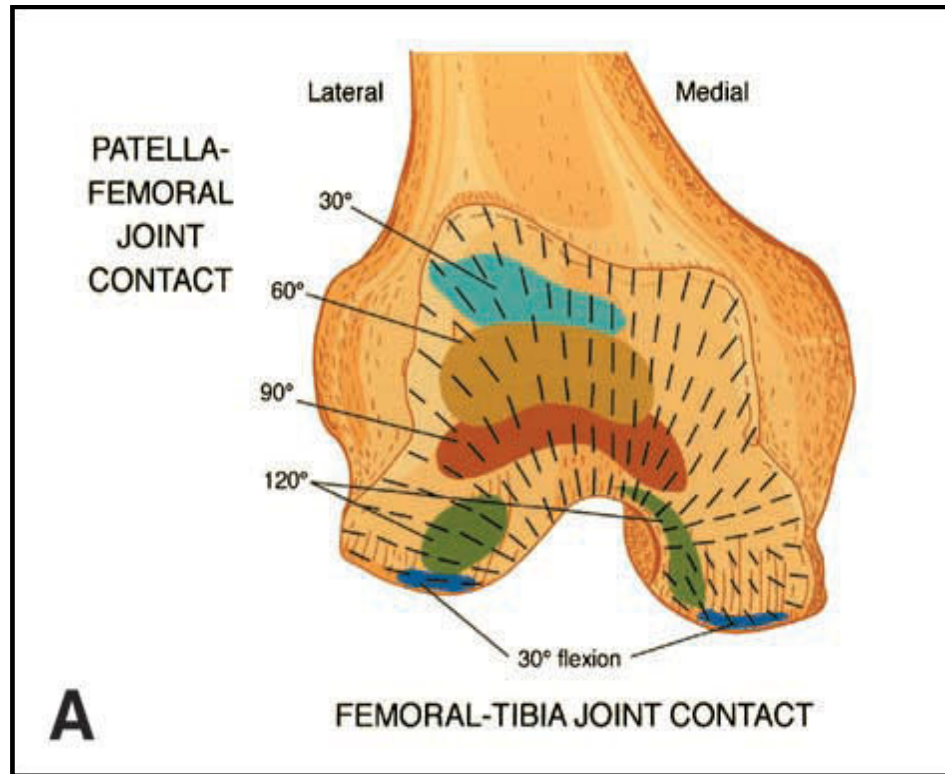


Figure 2-3: Schematic drawings representing the generic split-line pattern of the distal femur and the areas of joint contact. (A) Anterior-inferior view and (B) posterior view. (Below et al. 2002).

With this dense specialized matrix, cyclical compressive loading at physiologic frequencies (0.1-2 Hz) causes the interstitial fluid pressure to increase (Lee et al. 1981), resulting in a higher dynamic modulus than equilibrium modulus (Park et al. 2004). This is enhanced by the disparity between the tensile and compressive moduli (Cohen et al. 1998; Soulhat et al. 1999; Bursac et al. 2000; Soltz et al. 2000; Huang et al. 2001; Li et al. 2003). In addition to these factors, the dynamic compressive modulus is also dependent on the collagen content and tensile properties of the tissue (Huang et al. 2001; Park et al. 2004; Park et al. 2006). Treatment with collagenase results in marked reduction of the dynamic compressive modulus of cartilage explants (Toyras et al. 1999; Laasanen et al. 2003; Park et al. 2008). With contact loading, the enhanced fluid pressurization at the point of contact supports >90% of applied stress, shielding the solid matrix from excess deformation (Soltz et al. 1998; Soltz et al. 2000). Remarkably, with its high contact stresses, cartilage thickness *in vivo* changes by <6-20% with use (Armstrong et al. 1979; Macirowski et al. 1994; Eckstein et al. 1998; Wayne et al. 1998). This mechanical interplay between the solid and fluid components of cartilage has been defined by sophisticated biphasic and poroelastic models (Soltz et al. 2000; Li et al. 2003). It is precisely this combination of tensile and compressive properties, promoting fluid pressurization, which enables cartilage mechanical function and must be recapitulated in any successful repair.

2.2.2 Articular Cartilage: Formation and Maturation

While the current understanding of articular cartilage structure and function is fairly extensive, the mechanism by which cartilage develops these properties is less clear. It is

also unclear how articular chondrocytes acquire and maintain their characteristic phenotype during embryogenesis. A better understanding of these developmental processes is important from a tissue engineering standpoint as it would allow researchers to more effectively engineer replacement tissues with a stable phenotype. The first appearance of a cartilage-like tissue (dense organization of PG and type II collagen) is in the limb bud (Gilbert 2000). Limb bud cells aggregate and undergo chondrogenesis under a complex array of morphogenetic and transcription factors, and other signaling cues (Gilbert 2000). While this material is ‘cartilage’, it is transient in nature, and much of it is eventually replaced through endochondral ossification (Zhou et al. 2000; Jimenez et al. 2001; Malesud 2006). Articular chondrocytes however, escape hypertrophy and ossification, and acquire permanent phenotypic traits that allow them to maintain and remodel cartilage throughout a lifetime of use. The origin of these cells and the factors directing the development of their unique phenotype are only beginning to be elucidated. The formation of articular joints (a process known as cavitation) begins with the interruption of the cartilage template (the anlagen) within the limb bud by a specialized layer called the interzone. This specialization is directed by a host of molecular factors, including GDF-5, Wnt-4, ERG and PTHrP. Wnt-4 is a soluble factor expressed early in the developing joint, and may be an important molecule in determination of the interzone site. GDF-5 is a member of the BMP family and appears to play many roles during joint development, including cavitation and joint patterning. PTHrP is expressed in cartilage cells from the embryonic stage through adulthood, and may maintain the articular cartilage phenotype (O’Keefe et al. 1997; Iwamoto et al. 2007). While the precise sequence of events has yet to be definitively mapped, at least a portion of the interzone

appears to be populated by invading cells from the anlagen periphery (Hyde et al. 2008; Koyama et al. 2008). Cells within the interzone differentiate into all of the fibrous joint structures, and occupy at least the superficial and middle zones of the eventual permanent articular cartilage. In addition to biological factors, mechanical forces are essential for articular joint formation (Mitrovic 1982; Persson 1983). For example, inhibitors of muscle contraction *in ovo* lead to incomplete joint formation and decreased properties (Mikic et al. 2000; Pitsillides 2003; Mikic et al. 2004; Kahn et al. 2009). Many signaling factors, including PTHrP (Chen et al. 2008), are themselves modulated by mechanical factors, suggesting that the promotion and maintenance of the chondrocyte phenotype is a highly regulated process in development.

After birth, articular cartilage undergoes dramatic maturational changes that results in an adult tissue with unique load-bearing capacity. Collagen fiber organization within the tissue is transformed from an isotropic arrangement to a mature configuration with superficial fibers arranged into split lines parallel to the surface (**Figure 2-4**) (Archer et al. 2003).

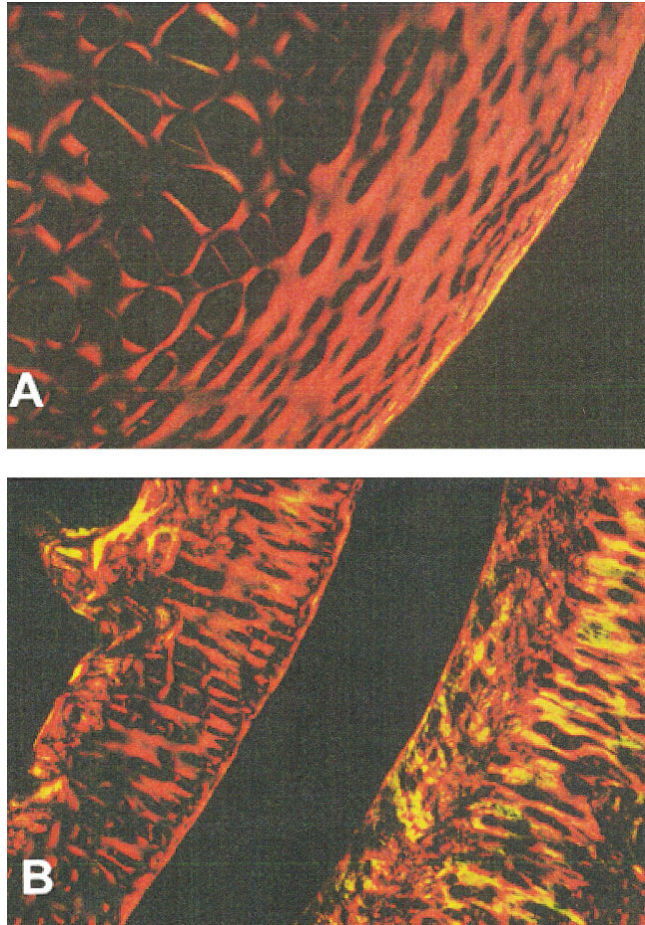


Figure 2-4. Articular cartilage from (A) 2- and (B) 8-month-old animals stained with picrosirius red and viewed under polarizing light. While the arrangement of collagen fibers in the younger animal lie predominantly parallel to the articular surface, the fibers are perpendicular to the cartilage surface in the older animal, indicative of extensive matrix remodeling with cartilage growth (Archer et al. 2003).

Compared to the initial anlagen formation, less is known about the cells in the articulating cartilage, and the signaling events that define their maturation. Unlike cells within other skeletal structures, articulating cartilage cells never undergo hypertrophy. Pacifici and co-workers recently reviewed the extant literature on these articular chondrocytes, and concluded that articular cells that retain a permanent cartilage phenotype are distinguishable from the transient chondrocytes that form the initial anlagen and growth plate (Pacifici et al. 2005). While these different cell types likely

share some signaling mechanisms, it is not yet clear whether these factors act in the same fashion. Nevertheless, what is clear is that the maturation of cartilage results in dramatic increases in tissue mechanics (particularly tensile properties) (Kempson 1982; Kempson 1991; Athanasiou et al. 2000). In mice, MMPs-2,-3, and -9 are absent at birth and peak 2 weeks later, suggesting intense early ECM remodeling (Gepstein et al. 2002; Gepstein et al. 2003). In the cow, mechanical and biochemical properties increase rapidly in juvenile compared to fetal cartilages (Williamson et al. 2001; Williamson et al. 2003), with increases in tensile properties correlated to increases in collagen content and cross-linking. At the same time, tissue cellularity decreases markedly, from 120 million cells/mL in fetal calf tissue to 50 million cells/mL in adult tissues (Jadin et al. 2005). When embryonic and juvenile bovine cartilage explants are removed from the joint environment, tensile properties decrease (Williamson et al. 2003). While one cannot overstate the importance of biologic factors in the *in situ* milieu, these findings also suggest that the demands placed on cartilage, coincident with use, help define organization and properties (e.g., collagen split lines, **Figure 2-2**), allowing the tissue to achieve its mature load bearing capacity.

Thus, a developmental cascade of events, from formation in the embryo through maturation in the adult, results in the unique properties of the native tissue – incorporation of this understanding, and application of these principles may aid in the generation of functional engineered cartilage constructs.

2.3 Cartilage Tissue Engineering

As cartilage healing is limited, there exists a growing demand for cell-based strategies for cartilage repair. A now standard tissue engineering approach consists of a chondrocytic cell type encapsulated in or seeded on a three-dimensional (3D) biomaterial support. Chondrocytes are a well-characterized and useful cell type for these applications, as they readily produce a cartilage-like matrix composed of PGs and collagens *in vitro* in a number of supportive media and material conditions.

2.3.1 Biomaterials for Cartilage Tissue Engineering

A number of materials have been employed in cartilage tissue engineering, including porous scaffolds (foams and fibrous meshes) fabricated from poly(α -hydroxy esters) including poly(glycolic acid), poly(lactic acid), and their copolymers (Puelacher et al. 1994; Vunjak-Novakovic et al. 1999; Davisson et al. 2002; Rotter et al. 2002; Schaefer et al. 2002). Foams and meshes based on natural materials (types I and II collagen, PG/collagen composites) support cartilage growth as well (Nehrer et al. 1997; Yates et al. 2005). Chondrocytes cultured on these porous scaffolds form ECM and increased mechanics with culture. However, uniform seeding throughout the scaffold expanse is a challenge; cells flatten and line the pore spaces, collagen contents remain lower than native tissue, and directionality of formed matrix has not been achieved. Alternatively, hydrogels are attractive biomaterials for cartilage regeneration and many natural (e.g., collagen and alginate) and synthetic polymers (e.g., Pluronics) have been investigated. Specific examples in the literature include alginate (Hauselmann et al. 1994; Paige et al. 1995; Rowley et al. 1999), agarose (Mauck et al. 2002; Mauck et al. 2003), fibrin

(Brittberg et al. 1997; Nixon et al. 1999), types I and II collagen (Kawamura et al. 1998; Hunter et al. 2002), peptide gels (Kisiday et al. 2002), and poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) (Bryant et al. 2001; Burdick et al. 2001; Elisseeff et al. 2002), to list but a few. This focus on hydrogels is motivated by the observation that in hydrogel culture, chondrocytes can be well dispersed and cells may assume their natural round shape and phenotype. This shape is particularly important, as it has long been demonstrated that de-differentiated chondrocytes can regain their cartilage ECM producing capacity when seeded in even simple hydrogels (Benya et al. 1982). Furthermore, these gels efficiently entrap the cartilage-like ECM produced by the cells (Benya et al. 1982; Buschmann et al. 1992), and can rapidly assemble a neo-cartilage matrix with functional properties. Combinations of gels and fibrous structures might be particularly valuable, as demonstrated in work by Moutos and co-workers developing a cell-laden gel-infused fiber scaffold using advanced weaving technologies (**Figure 2-5**) (Moutos et al. 2007).

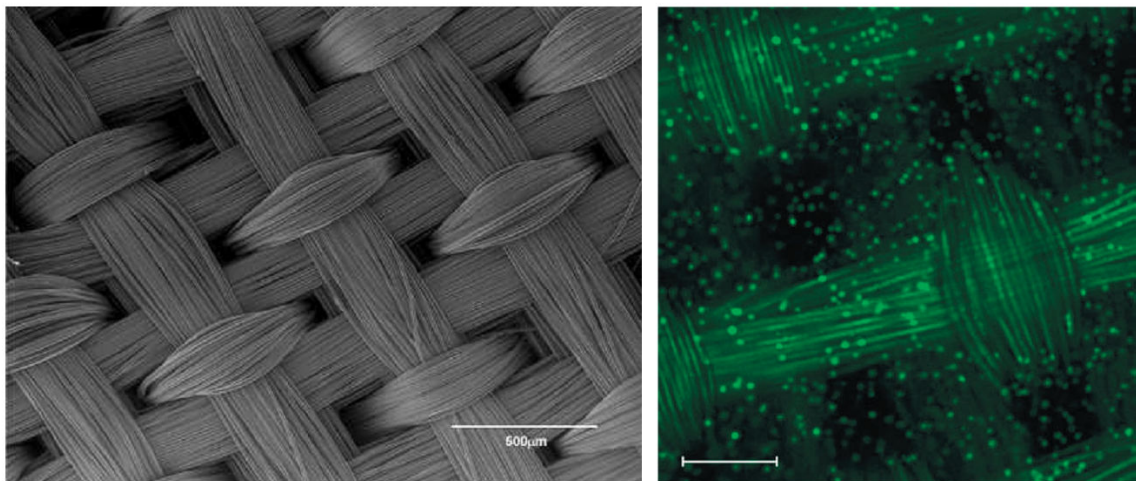


Figure 2-5: (Left) Fiber architecture of a 3D orthogonally woven structure. (Right) Fluorescent image of a freshly seeded construct. Porcine articular chondrocytes in a fiber-reinforced 2% agarose (small pore scaffold) show a spatially uniform initial distribution of cells with rounded morphology (fluorescent labeling with calcein-AM) (Moutos et al. 2007).

Recent focus has also turned to highly functionalized hydrogels, including photopolymerizable networks that can be optimally modified to elicit specific cell responses *in vivo* and *in vitro*. Elisseeff *et al.* first used a transdermally polymerized hydrogel formed from dimethacrylated poly(ethylene oxide) and semi-interpenetrating linear poly(ethylene oxide) chains (Elisseeff *et al.* 2001). This work illustrated both the ability to photoencapsulate viable chondrocytes in a hydrogel network with light transmitted through dermal tissue and the production of neocartilage with both PG and collagen present. Bryant and Anseth later showed that photocrosslinked scaffolds could be fabricated that span the thickness of native cartilage found *in vivo* while maintaining PG production (Bryant *et al.* 2001). More recently, chemically and photocrosslinked natural materials such as elastin like protein (ELP) and hyaluronic acid (HA) have been employed in the formation of chondrocyte-seeded hydrogels (Betre *et al.* 2002; Nettles *et al.* 2004; Burdick *et al.* 2005; Chung *et al.* 2008). A number of investigators have examined how changes in hydrogel properties (e.g., crosslinking density) influence the synthesis and distribution of collagen and PGs by encapsulated chondrocytes (Bryant *et al.* 1999; Bryant *et al.* 2004; Bryant *et al.* 2004). This work generally showed that higher crosslinking densities limit matrix distribution. To hasten matrix distribution, dynamic hydrogels have been developed that either incorporate degradable linkages or have enzymatic treatment methods applied to cell-seeded constructs during maturation. For example, agarase (which degrades agarose) has been applied to remove the remnants of this gel from the neo-tissue (Ng *et al.* 2009). Others have engineered the hydrogel itself via the inclusion of hydrolytically degradable linkages in synthetic PEG gels; findings from this work show a markedly greater level of collagen deposition and distribution by

chondrocytes seeded within (Bryant et al. 2003). Other gels have been designed with MMP-cleavable linkages and backbones, such that remodeling of a synthetic matrix can occur by natural, cell-mediated mechanisms (Lutolf et al. 2005). For example, an MMP-sensitive PEG based gel developed by Lutolf (Lutolf et al. 2003) was used to encapsulate bovine chondrocytes (Park et al. 2004). This study showed a greater distribution of formed matrix in gels with MMP-sensitive linkages, as well as greater expression of aggrecan and type II collagen. From this body of work it is clear that a cell encapsulating material can be appropriately designed to promote maximum levels of matrix formation, as well as eventually be removed to further ECM distribution throughout the construct.

2.3.2 Functional Cartilage Tissue Engineering

Simply supporting matrix formation is sufficient for enabling cartilage-like tissue formation, but absent other cues, this tissue does not typically develop into a tissue construct with native tissue properties. Articular cartilage exists in a mechanically challenging environment, and this environment is critical in the development of mechanical properties, as the dynamic environment guides new tissue formation. Drawing on this concept, the primary goal of functional tissue engineering is to recapitulate critical structural and mechanical benchmarks necessary to restore function in the joint (Butler et al. 2000). This approach incorporates our understanding of the mechanical signals that arise in the tissue microenvironment (Guilak et al. 1997), and then uses these signals to inform *in vitro* culture conditions to better direct tissue growth and modulate cell behavior. To that end, bioreactors that provide an appropriate mechanical environment for constructs are an important element in tissue engineering.

Constructs can be cultured in the presence of mechanical signals, including hydrostatic pressurization (e.g., (Smith et al. 1996)), fluid flow (e.g., (Gemmiti et al. 2006)), or direct mechanical stimulation through mechanical compression (e.g., (Mauck et al. 2000; Mauck et al. 2002; Mauck et al. 2003; Hung et al. 2004)). Since mechanical stimulation plays a crucial role in the native environment of cartilage, mechanical preconditioning may be an especially suitable strategy for engineering cartilage (Hung et al. 2004). Studies in hydrogels have shown that biosynthesis of collagen and proteoglycans are up-regulated with compressive loading (Buschmann et al. 1995) and are modulated by amplitude, frequency and loading duration (Shieh et al. 2003; Waldman et al. 2003). In chondrocyte-based constructs, long-term application of dynamic compression enhances both the mechanical properties and biochemical content of loaded gels (Mauck et al. 2000). To date, however, the collagen content of engineered constructs remain well below native values; failure of constructs to achieve the dynamic compressive properties and tensile properties found in cartilage can be attributed to this lack in collagen content and organization (Riesle et al. 1998).

2.3.3 New Media Formulations for Cartilage Tissue Engineering

In addition to mechanical loading, a number of other optimization strategies have been employed to improve engineered cartilage formation. Several studies have shown that increasing the initial cell number within the construct can lead to more rapid and/or greater cartilage-ECM formation and mechanics (Puelacher et al. 1994; Vunjak-Novakovic et al. 1998; Chang et al. 2001; Mauck et al. 2002; Mauck et al. 2003). Increased levels of nutrient supplementation can likewise increase growth rates (Mauck

et al. 2003). Specific inclusion of anabolic growth factors normally found in the maturing and mature synovial fluid (such as IGF-1, TGF- β family members, and FGF) can further improve cartilage-like tissue development in engineered constructs (Gooch et al. 2001; Blunk et al. 2002; Gooch et al. 2002; Pei et al. 2002; Mauck et al. 2003). In a series of recent studies we have shown that such approaches can lead to rapid and robust growth. Specifically, transient (rather than continuous) application of TGF- β 3 in a serum-free, chemically defined medium dramatically enhances the compressive properties and GAG content of chondrocyte-laden hydrogels to near-native levels (Lima et al. 2007; Byers et al. 2008). In these studies, after removal of the growth factor, constructs undergo an explosive growth phase, and reach equilibrium compressive moduli of ~ 0.8 MPa and proteoglycan levels of 6-7% wet weight in less than 2 months of culture (**Figure 2-6**). These findings have particular implications for clinical use, as the media used for culture does not contain poorly characterized and potentially immunogenic serum elements, and induction is superior when growth factor is discontinued, as would be the case when such constructs are implanted *in vivo*. While promising, however, it should be noted that both collagen content and dynamic modulus of such constructs remains well below that of native tissue, suggesting that further optimization will be required to achieve full functionality. Towards that end, we applied dynamic loading to these constructs and showed that in the presence of TGF- β 3, loading reduced the mechanical properties of chondrocyte-seeded constructs relative to free-swelling controls. In contrast, sequential application of TGF- β 3 followed by dynamic compression (after removal of TGF- β 3) significantly enhanced mechanical properties, with constructs reaching a compressive moduli in excess of 1 MPa. These findings

indicate that the biologic and mechanical environments are highly interactive, and that optimization of growth can be tuned to the current state of the microenvironment.

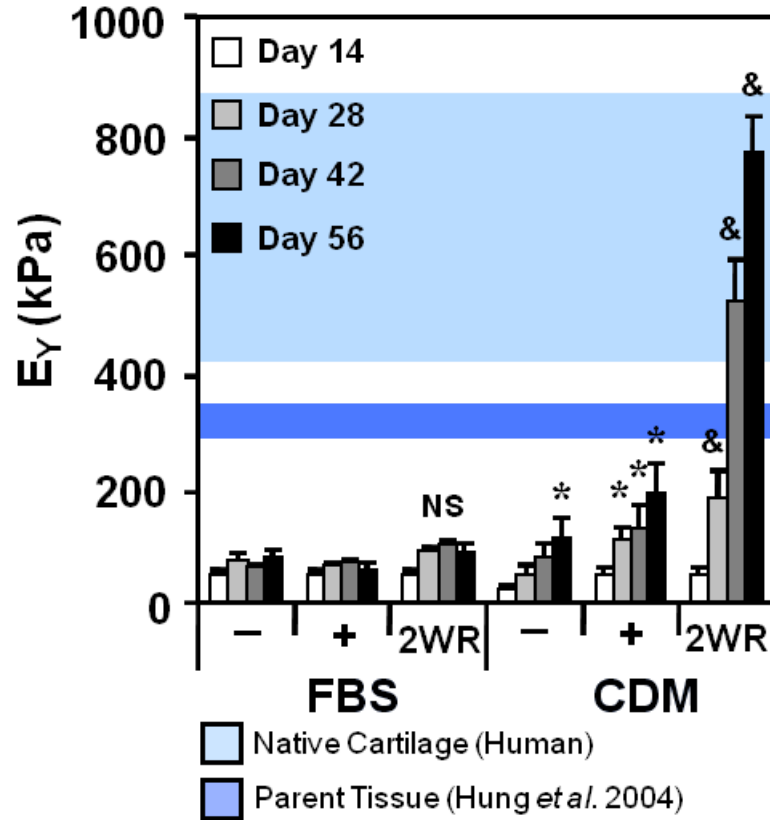


Figure 2-6: Equilibrium unconfined compressive modulus of chondrocyte-seeded constructs maintained in serum-containing (FBS) or chemically defined (CDM) media supplemented continuously with (+), transiently with (2WR), or in the absence of (-) 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3. Data represent mean and standard deviation of 8-22 samples from two to five replicate studies. * indicates significant difference versus day 14, & indicates significant difference from all other time-matched samples, $p < 0.05$ (Byers *et al.* 2008).

2.4 Cartilage Tissue Engineering with Mesenchymal Stem Cells

Despite these successes in cartilage tissue engineering with primary cells, limitations in chondrocyte availability and donor site morbidity may preclude their use in clinical applications. Therefore, over the last decade, there has been increasing interest in mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) as an alternative cell type for cartilage engineering.

2.4.1 Mesenchymal Stem Cell Isolation and Chondrogenesis

MSCs are a self-renewing and multi-potent cell type with great potential for cell-based regenerative therapies. In the original descriptions of MSC multi-potentiality, MSCs were induced toward bone, fat, and cartilage phenotypes (Prockop 1997; Pittenger et al. 1999), and these assays remain the accepted metric for characterization of these cells. Although there is no definitive marker for MSC selection, hematopoietic surface antigens (i.e., CD45, CD34 and CD14) are not present on MSCs (Pittenger et al. 1999). Because there is no single defining surface marker for MSC identification, cell selection through plastic adhesion and colony formation is widely utilized. As a result, the starting population of cells may include a heterogeneous mixture of MSCs and other cells. MSCs can be readily isolated from a wide variety of tissue sources; while bone marrow is a common source of MSCs, these cells (and cells with similar multi-lineage capacity) have been derived from adipose tissue (Erickson et al. 2002), periosteum (Choi et al. 2008), synovium (Sakaguchi et al. 2005), and trabecular bone chips (Noth et al. 2002). In standard assays of MSC chondrogenesis, cells are collected into high-density pellets to induce a rounded morphology (mimicking mesenchymal condensation in the limb bud). Indeed, in some ways, these cells possess a similar capacity as limb bud mesenchyme cells, as they can form both bone and cartilage. It should be noted that these two cell types are distinct; while limb bud cells transit through cartilage and on to an osteogenic lineage *in vitro* in micromass culture without specific additives, adult MSCs must be treated with specific biofactors to take on a cartilage phenotype. Common chondrogenic media formulations for MSCs include TGF- β superfamily members and dexamethasone presented in a chemically defined serum-free medium (Caplan 1991; Prockop 1997;

Johnstone et al. 1998; Pittenger et al. 1999). Under these conditions, MSCs synthesize a cartilage-specific ECM rich in sulfated GAGs and type II collagen and express cartilage markers, including the transcription factor sox 9. In addition to their chondrogenic potential, there is also evidence suggesting that MSCs are nonimmunogenic or hypoimmunogenic, which may be useful for therapeutic applications (Barry et al. 2005).

2.4.2 Mechanical Properties of MSC-Based Engineered Constructs

As noted above, MSCs are a particularly ideal cell source for cartilage tissue engineering. Since the early descriptions of chondrogenesis in 3D cell pellet culture (Prockop 1997; Johnstone et al. 1998; Pittenger et al. 1999), the ability of these cells to generate cartilage-like tissues has been widely investigated. Indeed, a number of studies have demonstrated that, when presented with a chemically defined media including TGF/BMP family members, MSC chondrogenesis occurs in scaffolding materials previously employed for chondrocyte-based cartilage tissue engineering (**Table 2-1**). However, viability of MSCs in these materials is sometimes less robust than with chondrocytes (Salinas et al. 2007). Further material modifications, including covalent linking of matrix adhesion moieties (e.g., RGD and collagen mimetic peptides) can modulate both the viability of MSCs in these materials, as well as their phenotypic conversion (Connelly et al. 2007; Lee et al. 2008). In most studies, the shift of MSCs towards the chondrogenic phenotype is demonstrated via the induction of a relatively small set of phenotypic markers. Most commonly, these include expression of major ECM components specific to hyaline cartilage, including aggrecan and type II collagen. These molecules play a central role in the establishment of the mechanical function of the native tissue.

However, a host of other less prevalent matrix elements (including COMP, link protein, collagen type IX to name but a few) also play critical roles in matrix organization and retention, and are occasionally monitored during chondrogenesis as well. These ‘minor’ ECM components engender significant deficits in cartilage function and/or durability when absent from the tissue in disease or knockout animal models (Hu et al. 2006).

While these markers are appropriate evidence that a chondrogenic event has occurred, they do not necessarily correlate with mechanical function. For clinical translation, and demonstration of efficacy, the mechanical properties of engineered constructs will ultimately dictate in vivo success. However, few studies of MSC chondrogenesis have considered this critical metric. Those few studies that have measured mechanical properties suggest a puzzling scenario. That is, while most markers of the ‘chondrocyte’ phenotype are expressed (in some cases, to a greater extent than chondrocytes) the mechanical properties of constructs populated by these cells are typically inferior to both native tissue and to comparable tissue engineered constructs formed by fully differentiated chondrocytes. Where available, the mechanical properties of engineered MSC-based cartilage are provided in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1: Examples of engineered cartilage derived from MSCs and other progenitor cell sources

BIOMATERIAL	CELL SOURCES	OUTCOME ASSAYS	MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	REFERENCE
Alginate	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, histology, SEM, GAG content	NA	(Wang et al. 2009)
	Human	Gene expression	NA	(Xu et al. 2008)
Alginate (RGD-modified)	Bovine, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis	NA	(Connelly et al. 2007)
Agarose	Bovine, bone marrow derived	Biochemical analysis, histology, compressive properties	Eq. modulus: 48 kPa Dyn. Modulus: 800 kPa	(Mauck et al. 2006)
	Bovine, bone marrow derived	Biochemical analysis, histology, tensile properties	Tensile modulus: 363 kPa Toughness: 420 kPa Ultimate Strain: 63%	(Huang et al. 2008)
Chitosan scaffold	Human, bone marrow and adipose derived	Gene expression, histology, SEM	NA	(Seda Tigli et al. 2009)
Collagen type I	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology	NA	(Dickhut et al. 2008)
Collagen type II	Human, bone marrow derived	Histology	NA	(Chang et al. 2007)
Fibrin	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology	NA	(Dickhut et al. 2008)
	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, proliferation	NA	(Pelaez et al. 2008)
Gelatin	Human, bone marrow derived	Histology, biochemical analysis	NA	(Ponticello et al. 2000)
	Human, adipose derived	Biochemical analysis, histology, compressive and shear properties	Eq. compressive modulus: ~15 kPa Eq. shear modulus: ~4 kPa Complex shear modulus: ~6 kPa	(Awad et al. 2004)
Hyaluronic Acid	Bovine, bone marrow derived	Biochemical content, compressive properties	Eq. Modulus: 60 kPa Dyn. Modulus: 40 kPa	(Erickson et al. 2009)
	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology, compressive properties	Eq. modulus: 50-60 kPa	(Chung et al. 2009)
	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology, immunohistochemistry	NA	(Nesti et al. 2008)
Matrigel	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology	NA	(Dickhut et al. 2008)

BIOMATERIAL	CELL SOURCES	OUTCOME ASSAYS	MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	REFERENCE
oligo(poly(ethylene glycol)fumarate) (OPF) scaffolds	Rabbit, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, confocal microscopy	NA	(Park et al. 2009)
poly(ϵ -caprolactone) (PCL) nanofiber scaffolds	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology, SEM	NA	(Li et al. 2005)
poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG)	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, immunohistochemistry	NA	(Chung et al. 2009)
	Human, bone marrow derived	Biochemical analysis, histology, immunohistochemistry	NA	(Buxton et al. 2007)
Poly(ethylene oxide) diacrylate (PEODA) with collagen mimetic peptides	Goat, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology	NA	(Lee et al. 2008)
Polyglycolic acid (PGA)	Rabbit, bone marrow derived	Histology, immunohistochemistry	NA	(Zhou et al. 2008)
poly lactic-co-glycolic acid (PLGA) scaffold	Rabbit, bone marrow derived	Histology, biochemical analysis	NA	(Zhang et al. 2009)
poly(L-lactic acid) (PLLA) nanofiber scaffolds	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, histology, compressive properties	Eq. Modulus: 12 kPa	(Janjanin et al. 2008)
Puramatrix	Bovine, bone marrow derived	Biochemical analysis, compressive properties	Eq. Modulus: 80 kPa Dyn. Modulus: 120 kPa	(Erickson et al. 2009)
Silk fibroin scaffold	Human, bone marrow derived	Gene expression, biochemical analysis, histology, compressive properties	Aggregate modulus: 40 kPa	(Hofmann et al. 2006)
	Human, bone marrow and adipose derived	Biochemical analysis, histology	NA	(Seda Tigli et al. 2009)

While somewhat limited in number, these studies do show that the compressive properties of MSC-based constructs increase with culture duration, and do so in a number of materials, including hydrogels, non-woven meshes, and porous foams (Awad et al. 2004). For example, **Figure 2-7** shows the time course of accumulation of mechanical and biochemical properties of constructs formed from bovine MSCs embedded within agarose, self-assembling peptide, and photocrosslinked hyaluronic acid hydrogels. These

properties increase substantially over the 8 weeks of *in vitro* culture, with robust deposition of proteoglycan evident in histological sections (Erickson et al. 2009).

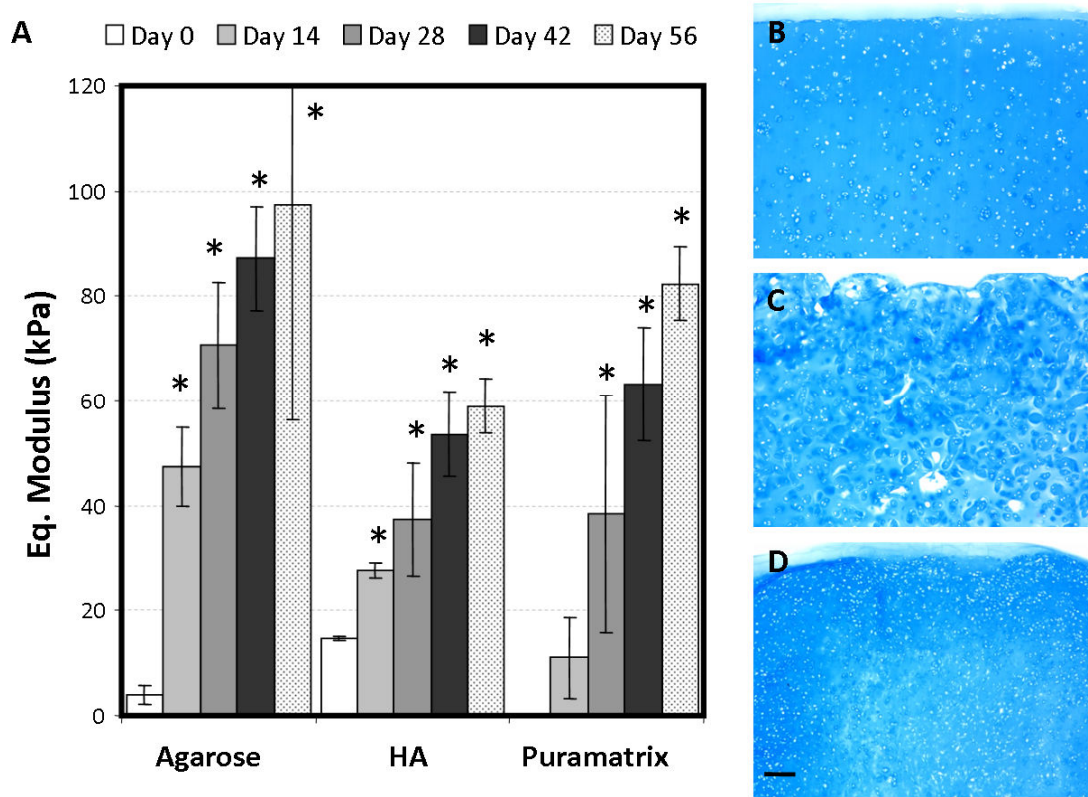


Figure 2-7: (A) Equilibrium compressive modulus of MSC-seeded agarose, photo-crosslinked hyaluronic acid (HA), and self-assembling Puramatrix hydrogels (20 million cells/mL) after long-term culture in a chemically defined media containing 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3. Data represent the mean and standard deviation of 3-4 samples per time point; * indicates $p < 0.05$ versus Day 0. **(B-D)** Alcian blue staining demonstrates robust proteoglycan deposition in agarose (B), HA (C) and Puramatrix (D) hydrogels on day 56. Scale Bar: 100 μ m (Erickson et al. 2009).

More recent studies have shown that human MSCs in a natural ECM-derived material can reach a compressive modulus of ~ 0.15 MPa, and that bovine MSCs in agarose can reach a modulus of ~ 0.2 MPa with proteoglycan contents approaching 2-3% of the wet weight (Cheng et al. 2008; Huang et al. 2009). These values are significant when viewed in the context of chondrocyte-based tissue engineering efforts using serum containing media, but are deficient when compared to the properties of chondrocyte-based constructs

cultured identically in pro-chondrogenic chemically defined, growth factor supplemented media. For example, chondrocytes in agarose with transient exposure to TGF- β 3 regularly achieve native tissue levels of compressive moduli (on the order of 0.7-1.0 MPa) and proteoglycan content (5-6%) (Lima et al. 2007; Byers et al. 2008). These data support the growing appreciation that the functional capacity of MSCs has yet to be fully realized.

2.4.3 Mechanical Preconditioning of MSC-Based Cartilage Constructs

To improve the functional outcome of MSC-based constructs and better instill the phenotypic traits associated with articular cartilage, one potential strategy for optimization is direct mechanical stimulation. Mechanical stimulation methods have been widely employed in chondrocyte-based cartilage tissue engineering, with many studies showing improvements in mechanical properties and biochemical composition when the loading conditions are appropriately tuned (Mauck et al. 2000; Connelly et al. 2004; Kisiday et al. 2004; Grad et al. 2005; De Croos et al. 2006; Hu et al. 2006; Appelman et al. 2009). The rationale for taking a similar approach for MSC-based constructs is easily identified from the crucial role mechanical forces play during normal joint development. For example, inhibition of muscle forces results in incomplete formation of the joint and mechanical signals modulate the expression of important molecular factors, such as PTHrP, which may regulate the phenotypic state of mesenchymal cells during development (Vortkamp et al. 1996; Mikic et al. 2000; Mikic et al. 2004; Chen et al. 2008). In addition, mechanical regulation remains important after birth, as cartilage undergoes additional remodeling and mechanical maturation with load-

bearing use (Williamson et al. 2003; Williamson et al. 2003) and the maintenance of healthy cartilage and the retention of the chondrogenic phenotype in normal articular chondrocytes is dependent on mechanical loading (Chen et al. 2008). Further, compressive loading of chick limb-bud mesenchyme cells (a distinct but related cell type to MSCs) in agarose enhances chondrogenesis; this response is modulated by both the frequency and duration of the applied load (Elder et al. 2000; Elder et al. 2001).

Taken together, these findings form the basis for mechanical preconditioning of MSC-based constructs for cartilage tissue engineering applications, and indeed, results from several studies indicate that MSCs are responsive to mechanical loading. For example, hydrostatic pressurization, an indirect loading modality, enhances the expression of chondrogenic genes in MSC pellets and MSC-seeded constructs (Angele et al. 2003; Miyonishi et al. 2006; Finger et al. 2007; Wagner et al. 2008). More direct modes of mechanical perturbation, both in compression and tension, have also been examined, however, the effects of these loading modalities on MSC chondrogenesis and the development of functional properties remains unclear. Early studies of MSC mechanotransduction have focused on short-term application of load and limited outcome measures to gene expression and matrix synthesis. In one of the first studies examining the relationship between mechanical stimulation and MSC differentiation, Huang and co-workers applied dynamic compression to MSC-seeded agarose and induced several transcription factors known to mediate TGF- β signaling, including sox 9, AP-1 and c-Jun (Huang et al. 2005). When MSC-seeded porous hyaluronan-gelatin constructs were subjected to compressive loading, the expression levels of chondrogenic genes were

upregulated relative to non-loaded controls (Angele et al. 2004). In another study, short-term loading of MSC-laden agarose cultures in the absence of TGF- β increased aggrecan promoter activity, but decreased collagen type II promoter activity (Mauck et al. 2007).

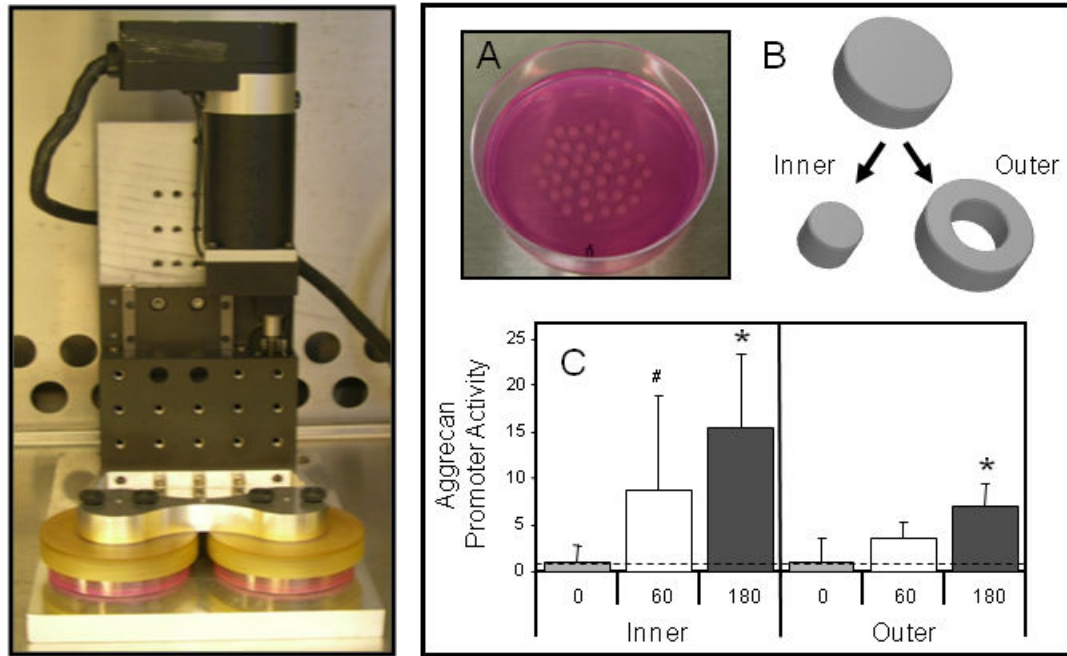


Figure 2-8: (A) Compression loading bioreactor for mechanical stimulation of cell-seeded hydrogel constructs. (B) MSC-seeded agarose disks in prepared mold for dynamic loading. (C) Schematic of agarose disk cored into inner and outer regions to determine region-specific gene expression responses with dynamic loading. (D) Aggrecan promoter activity in the inner and outer regions of MSC-seeded constructs after 0, 60 and 180 minutes of dynamic compressive loading. # indicates $p < 0.1$ versus free swelling, * indicates $p < 0.05$ versus free swelling, $n = 7-8$ per group (Mauck et al. 2007).

Consistent with this, Kisiday and colleagues recently demonstrated that 12 hours of continuous loading in the absence of TGF- β improved proteoglycan synthesis levels, though these values did not reach those attained with inclusion of TGF- β under free swelling conditions. In cultures loaded in the presence of TGF- β , matrix synthesis levels diminished (Kisiday et al. 2009). In these studies, application of load was initiated before elaboration of ECM, yet pre-culturing constructs before loading may also modulate cell properties. A single application of cyclic compression improved both collagen type II

and aggrecan expression when MSC-seeded agarose gels were pre-cultured in TGF- β 1 containing media for 16 days; these effects were not observed with a pre-culture time of 8 days (Mouw et al. 2007). Under cyclic tension (10% strain, 1Hz), the rate of GAG synthesis was enhanced in MSCs seeded on collagen-GAG scaffolds (McMahon et al. 2008; McMahon et al. 2008), suggesting a positive role for cyclic tensile loading in chondrogenesis. However, tensile loading can also induce apoptosis of MSC-seeded silicon membranes at strains of 7.5% or greater (Kearney et al. 2008).

Collectively, these studies affirm that MSCs are mechanically sensitive and that MSC chondrogenesis can be modulated by mechanical stimulation. While these findings suggest that dynamic loading may be beneficial in inducing/enhancing chondrogenesis, and that the presence or absence of TGF- β may define this response, few studies have examined the effects of long-term loading or have assessed functional outcomes. One recent study showed that long-term mechanical compression impairs functional growth of MSC-based engineered constructs. When loaded daily for 42 days in TGF- β containing media, the compressive modulus and GAG content of MSC-seeded agarose constructs were considerably reduced compared to free-swelling controls (Thorpe et al. 2008). From this study, it appears that MSC and chondrocyte response to mechanical stimulation are not identical.

Although these studies indicate that long-term compressive loading may be detrimental to the development of functional properties in MSC-based constructs, a recent study by Teracciano and co-workers provides evidence that pre-differentiation of stem cells may

modulate the effects of compressive loading. In this study, embryonic stem cells embedded in a hydrogel environment responded adversely to applied load in the absence of TGF- β ; however, after a period of chondrogenic induction, applied mechanical load elicited positive effects on cartilaginous gene expression (Terraciano et al. 2007). These findings suggest that the establishment of a chondrogenic phenotype prior to the initiation of loading may be a crucial determinant of MSC response. A more complete understanding of the mechanotransduction pathways occurring during loading will enable better tuning of the loading regimes applied to optimize functional outcomes.

CHAPTER 3: TRANSIENT EXPOSURE TO TGF-B3 IMPROVES THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF MSC-LADEN CARTILAGE CONSTRUCTS IN A DENSITY DEPENDENT MANNER

3.1 Introduction

Articular cartilage lines the surfaces of joints and functions to absorb shock and distribute the forces arising from joint movement. This load-bearing role is enabled by a dense extracellular matrix (ECM) composed of proteoglycans and type II collagen (Muir 1980; Williamson et al. 2001; Ateshian et al. 2003), which are responsible for the unique mechanical properties of cartilage as described in Section 1. To date, few strategies exist for restoring damaged articular surfaces; therefore, cartilage tissue engineering (TE) has emerged as a means to generate replacement tissues (Hunziker 1999). To optimize growth and maturation of TE constructs, various methodologies have been employed, including three-dimensional (3D) culture in a wide range of biomaterials (Kisiday et al. 2002; Mouw et al. 2005; Ng et al. 2005; Li et al. 2006; Chung et al. 2008), coupled with mechanical stimulation (Grodzinsky et al. 2000; Mauck et al. 2003; Kisiday et al. 2004; Seidel et al. 2004) and growth factor supplementation (Blunk et al. 2002; Gooch et al. 2002). In addition to these strategies, variations in cell-seeding density and medium formulations have also been shown to have pronounced effects on the final properties accrued by engineered cartilage (Mauck et al. 2003; Kisiday et al. 2005; Williams et al. 2005).

While significant progress has been made with these chondrocyte-based approaches, the use of chondrocytes for cartilage TE may prove impractical, due to limitations in cell

availability and donor site morbidity. Therefore, recent efforts have utilized mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs), which readily undergo chondrogenesis when cultured in chemically defined media with TGF- β family members (Johnstone et al. 1998; Pittenger et al. 1999). While MSCs can generate cartilage-like ECM, it has also been shown that MSCs do not reach functional parity with donor-matched chondrocytes cultured under the same conditions. Our previous work suggests that MSCs, starting at the same seeding density, reach at best 50% of the compressive equilibrium properties of chondrocyte-seeded agarose constructs (Mauck et al. 2006). A number of studies have examined the effects of varying cell seeding density on MSC chondrogenesis; however in most studies, the seeding densities employed were low (less than 10 million cells/mL) relative to those used in cartilage TE with chondrocytes, and functional properties were not assayed (Ponticiello et al. 2000; Kavalkovich et al. 2002; Huang et al. 2004; Park et al. 2007; Huang et al. 2008; Hui et al. 2008). Cell-cell contact and/or communication is a recognized factor in the initiation of chondrogenesis in pellet cultures (Tuli et al. 2003), although the effect of variation in this parameter has yet to be investigated in the context of emerging mechanical properties of MSC-seeded 3D constructs.

In addition to cell density effects, recent studies have also shown that transient application of TGF- β 3 in a serum-free, chemically defined medium enhances the compressive properties and GAG content of chondrocyte-laden hydrogels to near-native tissue levels (Lima et al. 2007; Byers et al. 2008). In those studies, after removal of the growth factor, constructs achieved equilibrium compressive moduli of \sim 0.8 MPa and proteoglycan levels of 6-7% wet weight in less than 2 months of culture. It is not yet

clear whether similar transient application of growth factor can accelerate the maturation of MSC-based constructs. Two recent studies using MSC-laden hydrogels indicate that this phenomenon may be operative for MSCs in 3D culture (Caterson et al. 2001; Mehlhorn et al. 2006). In one study by Mehlhorn et al, human MSCs in alginate beads synthesized lower amounts of aggrecan after transient application of TGF- β 3 compared to constructs cultured continuously with TGF- β 3 over a two week time course. However, the level of aggrecan accrued was still greater than that of control constructs and chondrogenic genes remained expressed, suggesting maintenance of the chondrocytic phenotype (Mehlhorn et al. 2006). Indeed, differentiated MSCs were resistant to subversion of the chondrogenic phenotype when challenged with osteogenic media. However, this study did not examine mechanical properties of the formed constructs. Caterson et al also observed a continued chondrogenic response by MSCs in alginate treated with a single pulse of TGF- β 1 (50 ng/mL) for three days (Caterson et al. 2001). At 21 days of culture, treated constructs stained for proteoglycans and type II collagen, and continued to express aggrecan, type II and type IX collagens. Interestingly, constructs also briefly expressed osteocalcin at 14 days of culture.

Taken together, these studies indicate that a brief exposure to TGF- β may be sufficient to initiate and maintain chondrogenesis; however, the impact of this treatment on mechanical function was not investigated. It is also unknown whether transient application of TGF- β enhances MSC chondrogenesis and improves the development of functional properties of MSC-based constructs. While standard practice relies on continuous treatment with TGF- β , previous studies using chondrocyte-based constructs

suggest temporal exposure to this morphogen is more effective in generating tissue replacements with near-native properties. To date, the effects of transient TGF- β treatment has not been investigated in terms of mechanical properties of MSC-laden constructs. In addition, as TGF- β is known to suppress chondrocyte hypertrophy (Ballock et al. 1993), and can retard or abrogate osteogenic progression of MSCs in monolayer culture (Moioli et al. 2006; Moioli et al. 2007), it is also not clear whether removal of the growth factor will initiate mineralization or other hypertrophic changes in our stem cell populations.

To specifically address these questions, this study evaluated mechanical and biochemical properties in chondrocyte- and MSC-laden hydrogels with transient exposure of TGF- β 3 in a chemically defined medium. In addition, we explored the effects of varying seeding density in MSC-laden constructs on resultant functional properties. We hypothesized that increasing seeding density would improve mechanical properties and biochemical content. We also hypothesized that transient application of TGF- β 3 would improve functional properties of MSC-laden constructs, and that these changes would be marked by differences in cartilaginous gene expression.

3.2 Materials and Methods

3.2.1 Mesenchymal Stem Cell and Chondrocyte Isolation and Culture

Bone marrow derived MSCs were harvested from the carpal bones of 3-6 month old calves (Fresh Farms Beef, Rutland, VT and Research 87, Boylston, MA). Typically, six separate marrow isolations (minimum of three animals) were carried out. Trabecular

regions were removed with a saw and agitated in a solution of high glucose Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 2% penicillin/streptomycin/Fungizone (PSF) and 300 U/mL of heparin. The resulting solution was centrifuged (5 min, 300×g) and plated into 10 cm tissue culture plates. Cultures were maintained in DMEM supplemented with 1% penicillin/streptomycin/fungizone (PSF) and 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) changed twice weekly until confluence. Sub-culturing was carried out at a 1:3 ratio up to passage two. To isolate chondrocytes, cartilage pieces were harvested from the carpometacarpal joints of the same group of animals, rinsed in DMEM containing 2% PSF and 10% FBS, and incubated at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator for five days (one medium change) to ensure sterility. Pieces were then combined and digested sequentially with pronase and collagenase (Mauck et al. 2003). Chondrocyte suspensions were filtered (70µm cell strainer, BD Falcon, Bedford, MA), pelleted (5 min, 300×g), resuspended in DMEM, and viable cells counted. Chondrocytes were encapsulated immediately upon isolation.

3.2.2 Construct Fabrication and Long-Term 3D Culture

Primary chondrocytes or MSCs were suspended in a chemically defined medium (CM) and combined 1:1 with sterile type VII agarose (49°C, 4% w/v, Sigma, St Louis, MO) in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) at room temperature. CM consisted of DMEM supplemented with 1X PSF, 0.1 µM dexamethasone, 50 µg/mL ascorbate 2-phosphate, 40 µg/mL L-proline, 100 µg/mL sodium pyruvate, 1X ITS+ (6.25 µg/ml insulin, 6.25 µg/ml transferrin, 6.25 ng/ml selenous acid, 1.25 mg/ml bovine serum albumin, and 5.35 µg/ml

linoleic acid). Chondrocytes were seeded at a density of 20 million cells/mL and MSCs were seeded at either 20 or 60 million cells/mL. The resultant cell-agarose mixture was cast between parallel plates to create a 2.25 mm sheet and allowed to gel for 20 minutes at room temperature. After gelation, disks (Ø4 mm) were cored and cultured with continuous or transient TGF- β 3 treatment in 1 mL of CM per construct. In the continuous treatment group, disks were cultured in CM supplemented with 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3 (CM+, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN) for 7 weeks. In the transient TGF- β 3 treatment group, disks were maintained in CM+ for the first 3 weeks and then cultured in CM without TGF- β 3 for an additional 4 weeks. At 3, 5, and 7 weeks, constructs were evaluated for mechanical properties, biochemical content and gene expression. Constructs were measured with digital calipers at each time point to monitor dimensional stability. Each experiment was repeated at least once to confirm results with data from all samples pooled.

3.2.3 Mesenchymal Stem Cell Pellet Formation And Long-Term Culture

Pellets containing 250,000 MSCs per pellet were formed by centrifugation (5 min, 300 \times g) in 96-well polypropylene conical plates (Nalge Nunc International, Rochester, NY). Pellets were cultured with continuous or transient application of TGF- β 3 as described above. At 3, 5, and 7 weeks, pellets were evaluated for sulfated glycosaminoglycans (GAG) and DNA content. Histological analysis was performed at 7 weeks.

3.2.4 Mechanical Testing of Engineered Constructs

A custom mechanical testing device was used to evaluate compressive properties of engineered constructs (Mauck et al. 2006). Disks were tested in unconfined compression

between two impermeable platens in a PBS bath. First, samples were equilibrated in creep under a static load of 2 grams for 5 minutes. After creep testing, samples were subjected to 10% strain (calculated from post-creep thickness values) applied at 0.05%/s followed by relaxation for 1000 seconds until equilibrium. Dynamic testing was performed by applying 1% sinusoidal deformation at 1.0 Hz. The equilibrium modulus was determined from the equilibrium stress (minus tare stress) normalized to the applied strain. The dynamic modulus was determined from the slope of dynamic stress-strain response. After mechanical testing, constructs were frozen at -20°C for biochemical evaluation.

3.2.5 Biochemical Analysis

To assess biochemical content, samples were digested for 16 hours in papain (0.56 units/ml in 0.1M sodium acetate, 10M cysteine HCL, 0.05M EDTA, pH 6.0) at 60°C. Agarose disks were digested in 1 mL/construct of papain and cell pellets were digested in 300 µL/sample of papain with three pellets combined per sample. Following digestion, the 1,9-dimethylmethylene blue dye-binding assay was used to determine GAG content in digests against a standard curve of chondroitin-6-sulphate. Digested samples were also evaluated for collagen content after acid hydrolysis using the orthohydroxyproline (OHP) assay (Stegemann et al. 1967), with a 1:7.14 OHP:collagen ratio used as described previously (Neuman et al. 1950). DNA content was determined from papain digests using the PicoGreen dsDNA assay (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR). GAG and collagen values are reported as percentage of construct wet weight while DNA content is reported as quantity per disk.

3.2.6 Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction

Total RNA was extracted by two sequential isolations in TRIZOL-chloroform and quantified using a Nanodrop ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nanodrop Technologies, DE). Reverse transcription was performed using the First Strand cDNA Synthesis kit (Invitrogen Life Technologies) and cDNA amplification was carried out using an Applied Biosystems 7300 real-time PCR system with intron-spanning primers and SYBR Green Reaction Mix (Applied Biosystems). Expression levels of seven cartilage-specific markers [chondroitin-4-sulfotransferase-1 (C4ST-1), chondroitin-4-sulfotransferase-2 (C4ST-2), xylosyltransferase (XT-1), GalNAc4,6S-disulfotransferase (Galnac), aggrecan, collagen II and link protein] and two bone-related markers [collagen type I and osteocalcin] were determined and normalized to the housekeeping gene, GAPDH.

3.2.7 Histology

Samples for histology were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde, dehydrated in a graded series of ethanol, and embedded in paraffin (Paraplast, Lab Storage). Samples were sectioned at 8 μ m thickness and stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E, Sigma, St. Louis, MO), Alcian Blue (pH 1.0), or Picrosirius Red (0.1% w/v in saturated picric acid) for cell distribution, sulfated proteoglycans and collagens, respectively. Mineralization in engineered constructs was assessed by Von Kossa staining according to manufacturer's instructions (American Mastertech, Lodi, CA) with a positive calcium control slide stained simultaneously for comparison. Color images were captured at 10X or 20X magnification using a microscope equipped with a color CCD digital camera and the QCapturePro acquisition software.

3.2.8 Immunohistochemistry

For immunohistochemical analysis, 8 µm sections were deparaffinized and rehydrated in a graded series of ethanol to water. Antigen retrieval was performed by incubating sections in citrate buffer (10 mM citric acid with 0.05% Tween 20 at pH 6.0) heated to 99°C for 25 minutes. Citrate buffer and samples were then transferred to room temperature and allowed to cool for an additional 20 minutes. Following antigen retrieval, samples were incubated for 1 hour at room temperature in 300 µg/mL hyaluronidase (Type IV, Sigma) in PBS. Primary antibodies to collagen type I (MAB3391, Millipore), collagen type II (11-116B3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA) and collagen type X (X-AC9, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA) were used for immunolabeling according to manufacturer's directions. Briefly, samples were treated with 3% H₂O₂ followed by treatment with a blocking reagent (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore), and incubated with primary antibodies in 3% BSA with non-immune controls. Following incubation with primary antibodies, samples were treated with biotinylated goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibodies and Streptavidin HRP, then reacted with DAB chromogen reagent (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore). Color images were captured at 10X magnification as above.

3.2.9 Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using SYSTAT software (v10.2, SYSTAT Software Inc., San Jose, CA). Mechanical and biochemical data for cell-seeded constructs was analyzed via two way ANOVA with significance set at $p < 0.05$. Biochemical content of

cell pellets was assessed via one way ANOVA with significance set at $p < 0.05$. Where significance was indicated by ANOVA analysis, Tukey's posthoc testing was carried out to enable comparisons between groups. All values are reported as mean \pm standard deviation.

3.3 Results

3.3.1 Compressive Properties of Cell-Seeded Agarose

To optimize functional properties of MSC-laden constructs, MSCs were seeded at 20 (M20) or 60 (M60) million cells/mL agarose and cultured under continuous (+) or transient (T) exposure to TGF- β 3 for 7 weeks in chemically defined, serum-free medium. Chondrocytes were seeded at 20 million cells/mL (C20) and maintained under these same conditions. Over time in culture, CH- and MSC-seeded constructs became increasingly opaque and, consistent with previous findings, increased in volume relative to starting values. Construct thickness did not change with transient exposure to TGF- β 3, however, at every time point assayed, MSC-seeded gels were thicker than CH-seeded gels, regardless of seeding density. There were no observable differences in MSC-seeded construct diameters until day 49. As with thickness measurements, diameter size was comparable between M20 and M60 at every time point, and both were larger than C20 by day 49 (**Table 3-1**).

Table 3-1: Changes in construct dimensions with time. * indicates significant difference from day 21 within cell type and seeding density ($p<0.05$), # indicates significant difference from C20 within each time point and media group ($p<0.05$).

	THICKNESS (mm)			DIAMETER (mm)		
	Day 21	Day 35	Day 49	Day 21	Day 35	Day 49
CH20+	2.24±0.02	2.42±0.06*	2.48±0.07*	4.01±0.01	4.06±0.07	4.18±0.17
CH20-T	NA	2.41±0.04*	2.45±0.06*	NA	4.02±0.03	4.04±0.05
M20+	2.55±0.10#	2.63±0.09#	2.71±0.16#	4.08±0.11	4.13±0.09	4.40±0.15*
M20-T	NA	2.58±0.13#	2.67±0.12#	NA	4.13±0.08	4.33±0.23*#
M60+	2.58±0.08#	2.67±0.08#	2.81±0.10#	4.22±0.25	4.28±0.14	4.53±0.12*#
M60-T	NA	2.69±0.11#	2.76±0.09#	NA	4.35±0.08#	4.41±0.20#

For all groups, the equilibrium and dynamic compressive modulus improved with time in culture ($p<0.05$). Consistent with our previous findings (Mauck et al. 2006), the equilibrium modulus of C20+ disks increased through week 7, reaching 203 ± 27 kPa ($p=0.008$), while M20+ constructs plateaued by 3 weeks at a lower level of 107 ± 23 kPa ($p=1.0$, **Figure 3-1A**). There was no difference in equilibrium modulus between M20+ and M60+ at any time point ($p>0.9$), although the modulus of both groups were much greater than starting agarose values (typically 5-10 kPa). Also consistent with our previous findings (Byers et al. 2008), the equilibrium modulus of the C20-T group increased dramatically, with an 8-fold increase 4 weeks after removal of TGF- β 3 ($p<0.001$), compared to only a 4-fold increase over the same time period with continuous exposure ($p<0.001$). While the equilibrium properties of M20 constructs did not change in transient compared to continuous medium conditions ($p=0.9$), a 4-fold increase to 193 ± 40 kPa was observed in M60 constructs by week 7 when cultured in transient compared to continuous media exposure ($p<0.001$). These M60-T samples reached modulus values similar to that of week 7 C20+ constructs ($p=1.0$, **Figure 3-1A**). Despite the difference in the equilibrium

modulus between C20+ and M20+, the dynamic moduli of these constructs were not significantly different by week 7 ($p=0.9$). At 7 weeks, the dynamic modulus of M20+ was also similar to that of M60+ ($p=0.1$). Under transient medium conditions, the dynamic moduli of C20 and M20 constructs did not improve relative to control constructs in + conditions ($p>0.2$). However, the dynamic modulus of M60-T constructs was greater than that of M60+ ($p=0.003$, **Figure 3-1B**).

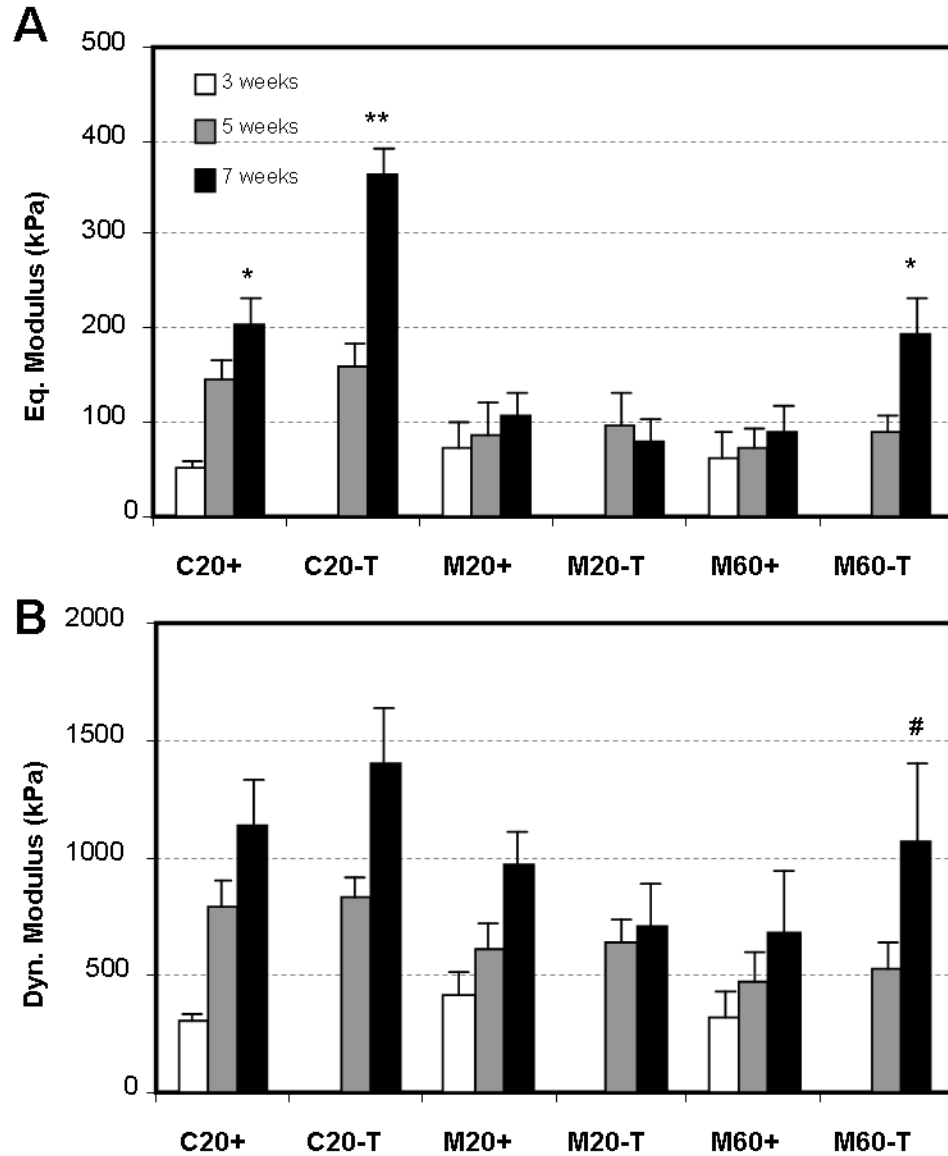


Figure 3-1: Time-dependent compressive properties of engineered constructs with variation in cell type, seeding density and media formulation. (A) Equilibrium and (B) dynamic modulus of cell-seeded constructs. * indicates greater than C20+ at 5 weeks ($p < 0.05$); ** indicates greater than C20+ at week 7 ($p < 0.05$), # indicates greater than M60+ at 7 weeks. Data represent the mean and standard deviation of 7-8 samples per group per time point.

3.3.2 Biochemical Content of Cell-Seeded Agarose

Biochemical content for C20+ and M20+ disks increased with time, with more GAG deposited in C20+ compared to M20+ by week 7 ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 3-2A**). As with the

equilibrium modulus, the GAG content of C20+ continued to improve through the final timepoint ($p < 0.001$) while M20+ disks plateaued by week 3 ($p > 0.4$, **Figure 3-2A**). Under transient conditions, a marked increase in GAG content was observed in C20-T and M60-T groups ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 3-2A**) compared to their continuous exposure controls. While the total GAG content of week 7 M60-T constructs was markedly higher compared to all other MSC groups, it remained below that of week 7 chondrocyte-laden constructs. Collagen content was not significantly different between groups by week 7, except in the M60+ group which was lower compared to C20+ and M60-T ($p < 0.05$, **Figure 3-2B**). Assessment of DNA content showed that higher cell density was maintained in the 60M-seeded MSC groups and that transient application of TGF- β 3 had no effect on cell proliferation, regardless of cell type ($p = 1.0$, **Figure 3-2C**). When normalized to DNA content, GAG content in M60 constructs cultured in either medium condition was dramatically reduced compared to M20 constructs similarly maintained, suggesting that GAG synthesis per cell was impaired with increasing cell number (not shown).

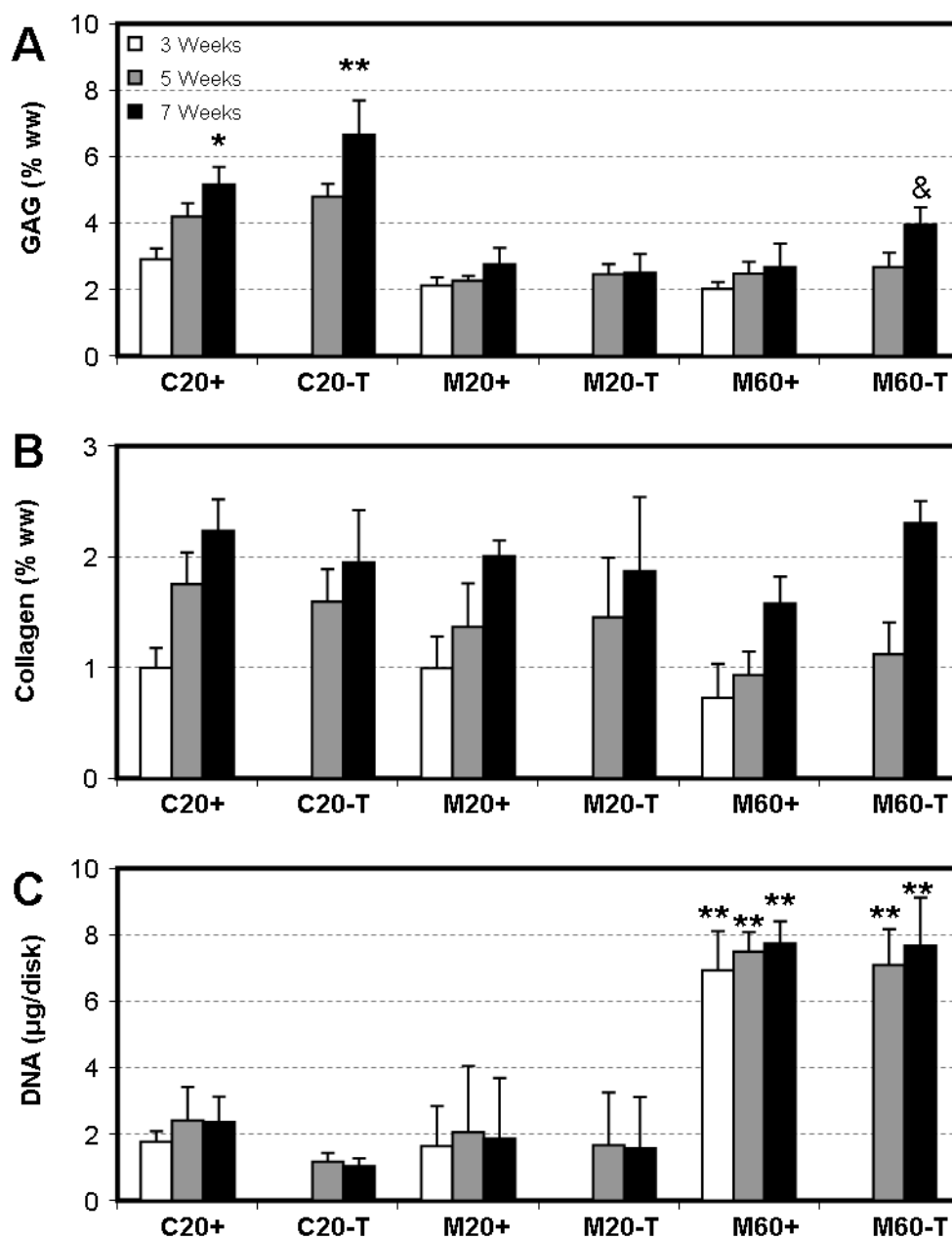


Figure 3-2: Biochemical composition of engineered constructs with variation in time in culture, cell type, seeding density and media formulation. (A) GAG, (B) collagen and (C) DNA content of chondrocyte- and MSC-laden gels. * indicates greater than C20+ at 5 weeks ($p < 0.05$), ** indicates greater than C20+ at 7 weeks, & indicates no difference from C20+ at 5 weeks ($p > 0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of 7-8 samples per group per time point.

3.3.3 Histological Analysis of Cell-Seeded Agarose

Histological staining for cellularity, GAG, and collagen deposition largely confirmed biochemical measures. Consistent with biochemical analyses of DNA content, H&E staining for cell distribution at week 7 showed greater cell density for gels seeded at 60M cells/mL compared to those seeded at 20M cells/mL (**Figure 3-3**). From H&E staining, it appeared that transient application of TGF- β 3 resulted in larger cell lacunae in both the C20 and M60 groups. These C20-T and M60-T groups also showed increased staining for proteoglycan deposition relative to controls with continuous medium conditions (**Figure 3-3**).

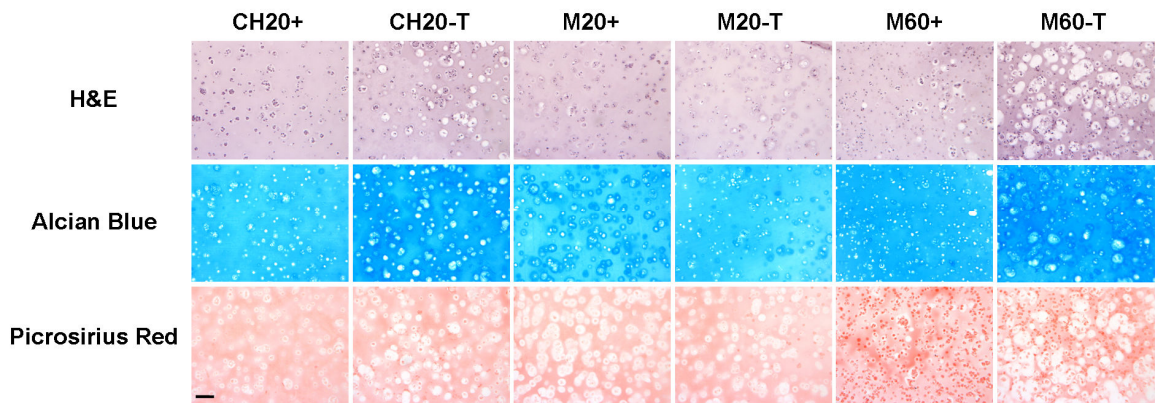


Figure 3-3: Histological appearance of engineered constructs after 7 weeks of culture. Hematoxylin and Eosin, Alcian Blue, and Picrosirius Red staining of C20, M20 and M60 constructs cultured in + and T media. C20-T and M60-T showed increased proteoglycan deposition as well as changes in cell morphology consistent with hypertrophic events. Images were acquired at 10x magnification. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

Constructs showed little discernible difference in collagen staining with variation in cell type or seeding density. Collagen deposition was further assessed by immunohistochemistry to distinguish between type I, type II and type X collagens. At week 7, all groups showed weak pericellular staining for type I collagen and intense interterritorial staining for type II collagen (**Figure 3-4**).

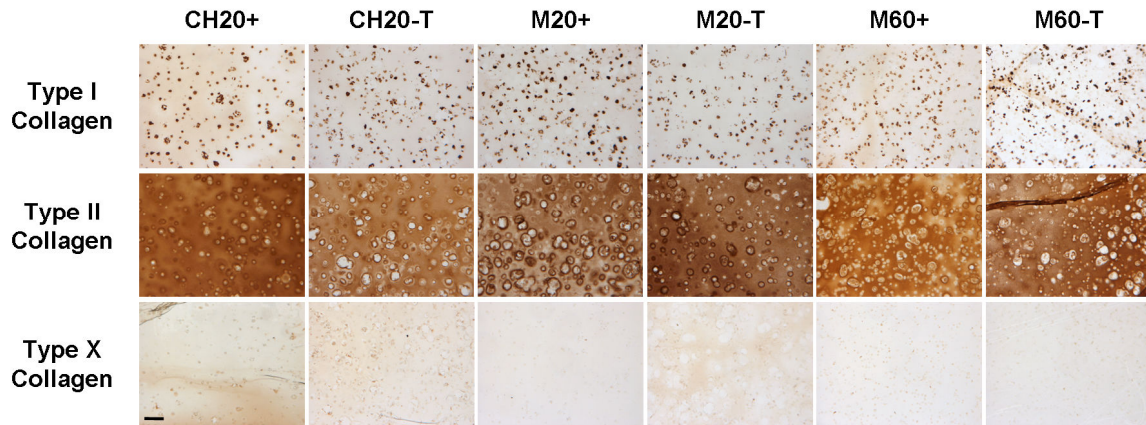


Figure 3-4: Distribution of collagen types I, II and X in engineered constructs cultured in + or T medium for 7 weeks. Chondrocyte- and MSC-laden constructs showed weak pericellular staining for type I collagen and intense staining for type II collagen regardless of initial seeding density or media formulation. Type X collagen was not apparent in any group. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

There was no increase in type I collagen accumulation with removal of TGF- β 3 in any group, nor was type X collagen staining evident under any condition. Von Kossa staining for calcium was also performed to assess mineralization in cell-seeded gels; no evidence of calcium deposition was observed in any group (**Figure 3-5**).

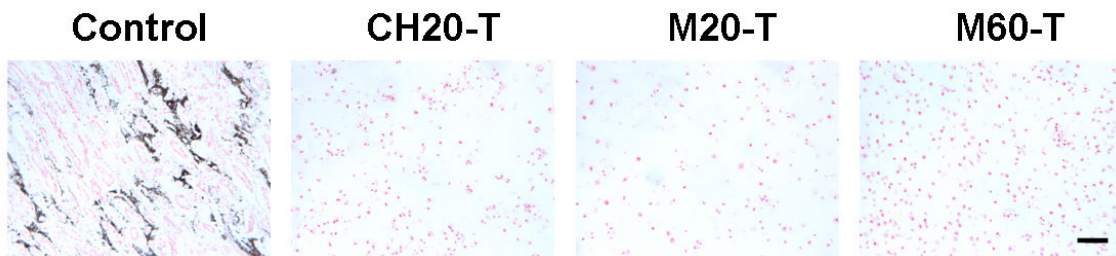


Figure 3-5: Von Kossa staining of engineered constructs cultured in T medium for 7 weeks. Mineralization (black staining) was not observed in chondrocyte- or MSC-laden gels. Images were acquired at 10x magnification. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

3.3.4 Biochemical and Histological Analysis of MSC Pellets

Because MSC response to transiently applied TGF- β 3 appeared to be dependent on the initial seeding density, a cell pellet model of chondrogenesis was used to determine whether results similar to that achieved with gels seeded at 60M cells/mL could be generated when cultured under transient conditions. Cells are tightly packed in pellet culture (i.e., no ECM at the initiation of culture), they may be considered ‘infinite’ with respect to the other seeding densities used in this study (20 or 60 million cells/mL). MSC pellets accrued increasing amounts of GAG with time through week 7 when cultured continuously with TGF- β 3. With transient exposure to TGF- β 3, the GAG content of pellets was significantly greater by week 7 compared to the GAG content of pellets cultured continuously with TGF- β 3 ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 3-6A**). Contrary to our findings in 3D hydrogel culture, DNA content of pellets decreased for both groups at week 7, with greater loss in pellets cultured under transient medium conditions compared to continuous exposure (**Figure 3-6B**). When normalized to cell number, the difference in GAG content at week 7 between pellets cultured under transient and continuous conditions was even more pronounced, with a 2.6-fold difference in GAG deposition (**Figure 3-6C**).

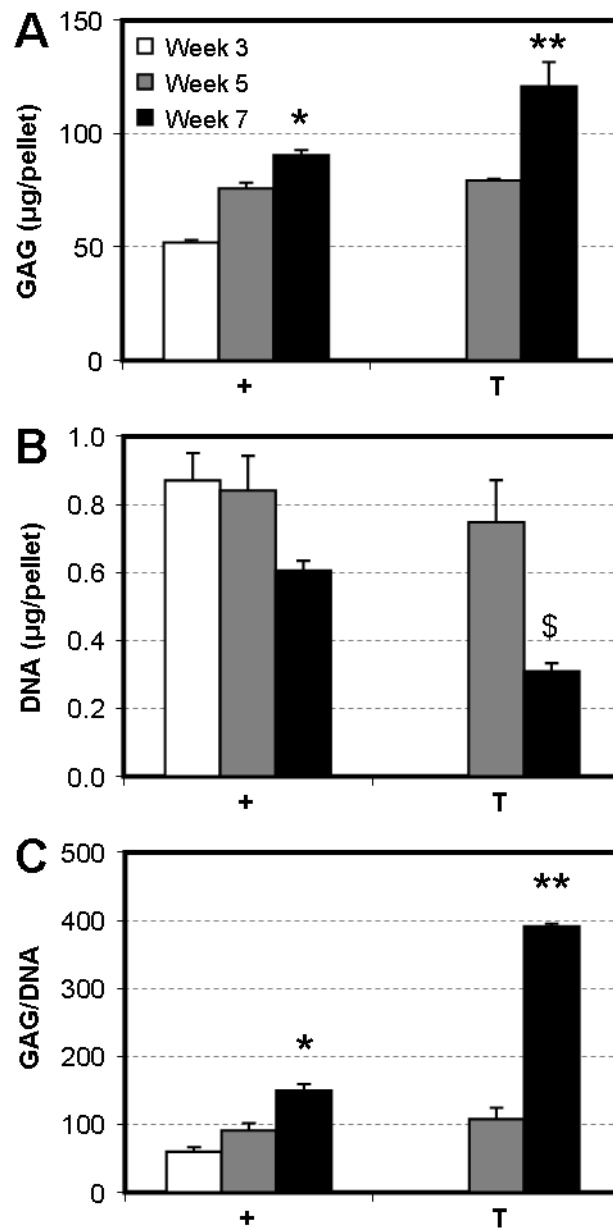


Figure 3-6: Biochemical composition of MSC pellets with variation in time in culture and media formulation. (A) GAG (μg/pellet), (B) DNA (μg/pellet) and (C) GAG/DNA content of MSC pellets. Transient application of TGF-β3 increased GAG deposition relative to pellets cultured continuously with TGF-β3. * indicates greater than + pellets at 5 weeks (p<0.05), ** indicates greater than + pellets at 7 weeks (p<0.001), \$ indicates lower than + pellets at 7 weeks and T pellets at 5 weeks (p<0.01). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of 3 samples per group per time point.

No differences in collagen content were observed with transient application of TGF-β3 (not shown). By week 7, there was a noticeable difference in cell number between pellets

maintained continuously or transiently in TGF- β 3, as shown in the H&E stains. As with cell-seeded constructs, Alcian Blue staining for proteoglycans demonstrated conspicuously darker regions of staining in pellets cultured under transient conditions compared to continuous, consistent with biochemical measures of GAG content. Picrosirius red staining for collagen was of equal intensity between the two groups (**Figure 3-7**).

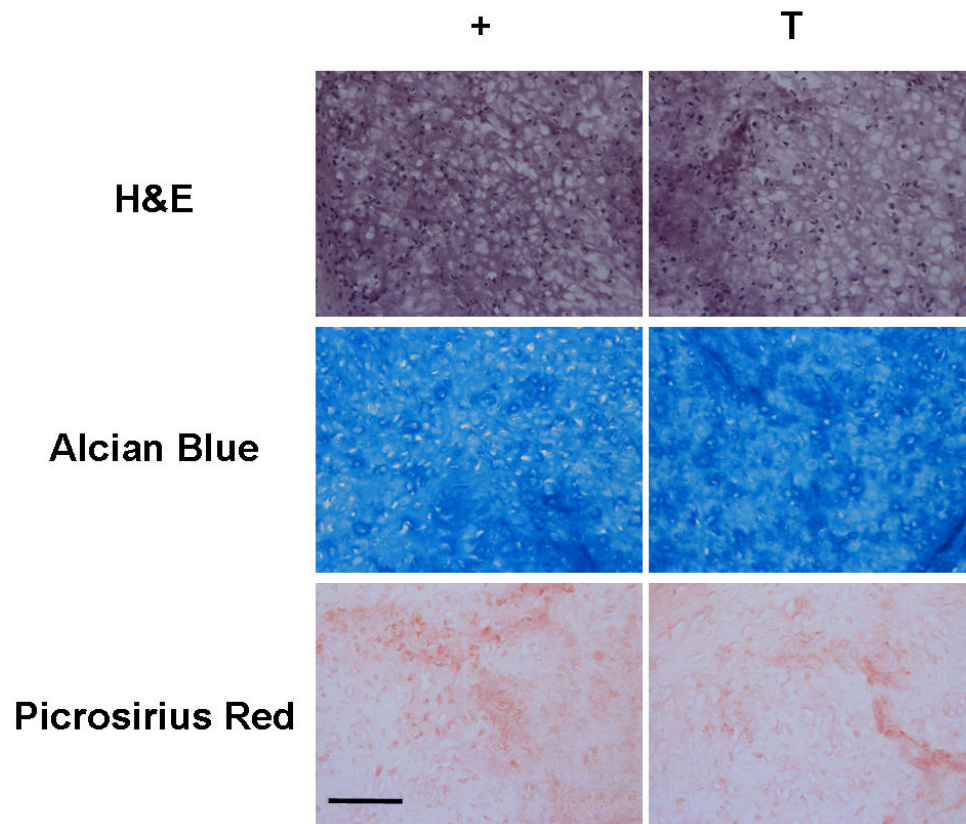


Figure 3-7: Histologic appearance of MSC pellets after 7 weeks of culture. H&E, Alcian Blue, and Picrosirius Red staining of MSC pellets cultured in + and T media. Images were taken at 20x magnification. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

3.3.5 Gene Expression

Chondrogenic markers were expressed by all groups cultured continuously with TGF- β 3. Removal of TGF- β 3 did not adversely affect the chondrocytic phenotype of MSCs seeded at either 20 or 60 million cells/mL. Expression levels of C4ST-1 and Galnac continued to

increase for both M20-T and M60-T after 3 weeks, while aggrecan, and collagen type II expression remained relatively stable (**Figure 3-8**). C20-T groups followed a similar pattern of expression, with large increases in Galnac by 7 weeks relative to 3 weeks. For all MSC and chondrocyte groups exposed transiently to TGF- β 3, Galnac expression at 7 weeks was markedly higher compared to control gels maintained continuously with TGF- β 3. These data are from two biologic replicates (separate studies) with similar findings in each. Although collagen type I was expressed by all groups, osteocalcin expression was undetectable (not shown).

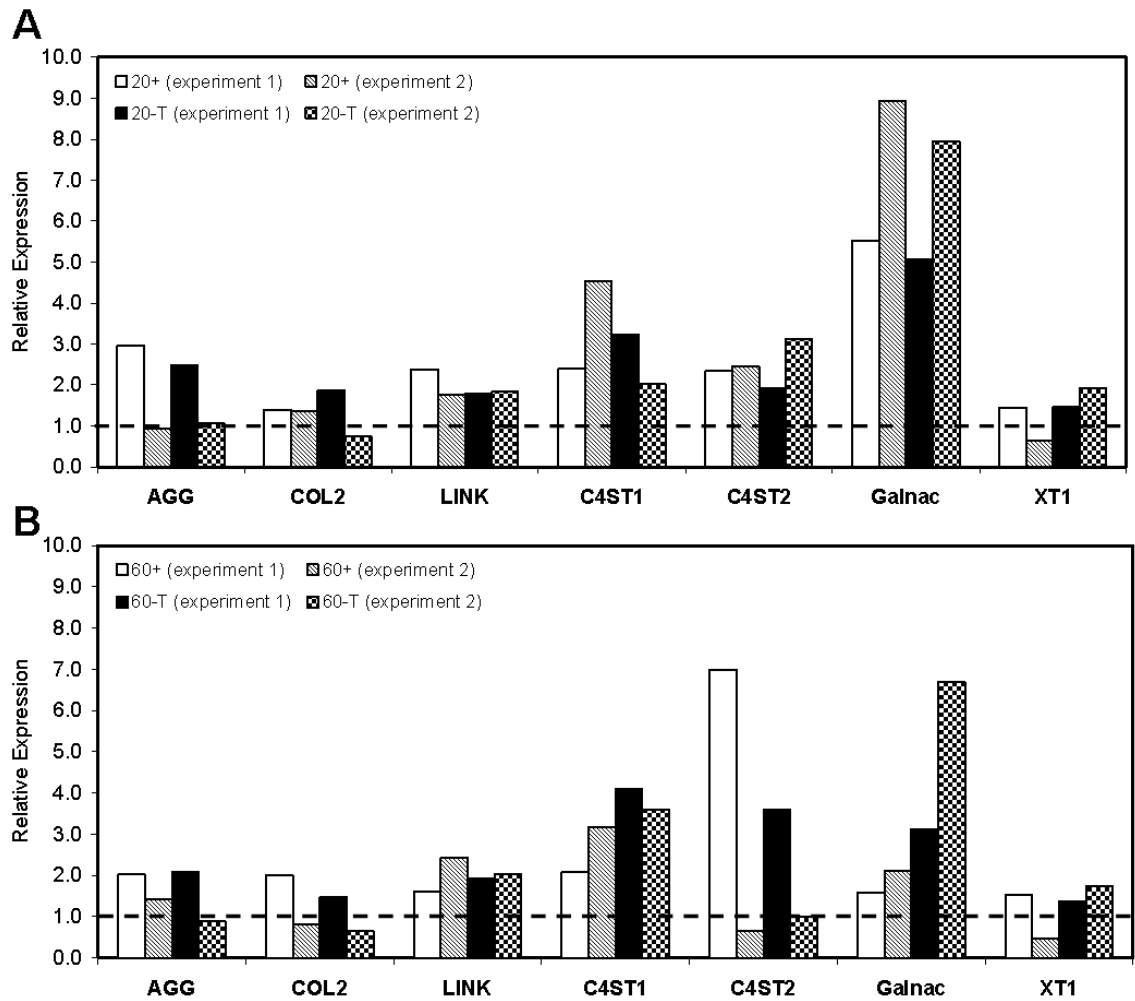


Figure 3-8: Expression of cartilage markers in MSC-laden constructs with variation of initial seeding density. Relative gene expression normalized to 3 week control constructs (dashed line) of (A) M20 and (B) M60 constructs at 7 weeks in + and T media. The chondrocyte-like phenotype is maintained in constructs cultured in T media 4 weeks after TGF- β 3 withdrawal. Data from two experiments are presented.

3.4 Discussion

Bone marrow derived mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) are an attractive cell source for regenerative medicine, given their ready isolation and expansion capacity, and their ability to differentiate towards a number of musculoskeletal lineages. For cartilage tissue engineering, MSCs readily undergo chondrogenesis in 3D culture in the presence of specific biofactors, and deposit a cartilage-like matrix. This matrix formation improves

mechanical properties critical to the function of the native tissue, including both the compressive and tensile properties (Mauck et al. 2006; Huang et al. 2008). Despite their maturation potential, engineered cartilage formed from MSCs is limited by the reduced equilibrium compressive properties generated compared to fully differentiated chondrocytes. Consistent with previous findings (Mauck et al. 2006), this study showed that the mechanical properties of MSC-laden constructs were lower than chondrocyte-laden constructs similarly maintained. To further optimize chondrogenesis, we examined the effects of two parameters, initial seeding density and transient application of TGF- β 3, on the mechanical properties and biochemical content of MSC-laden gels. In chondrocyte-seeded hydrogels, both factors have been previously shown to improve equilibrium compressive properties (Mauck et al. 2003; Byers et al. 2008).

Contrary to our original hypothesis, MSCs seeded in agarose at 20 and 60 million cells/mL and maintained continuously with TGF- β 3 showed no differences in functional properties or biochemical content after 7 weeks in free swelling culture. While several studies have reported enhanced chondrogenesis with increasing seeding density (Ponticiello et al. 2000; Kavalkovich et al. 2002; Huang et al. 2004; Hui et al. 2008), the range of cell densities assayed were generally below 10 million cells/mL (Huang et al. 2004; Hui et al. 2008) and outcome parameters were limited to biochemical measures or gene expression. In one study comparing seeding densities above 10 million cells/mL, total GAG deposition was indistinguishable between constructs seeded at 12-48 million cells/mL, consistent with the current findings (Ponticiello et al. 2000). In another study comparing human MSCs seeded at different densities in alginate, an initial density of 25

million cells/mL resulted in significantly increased GAG synthesis per cell after 14 days of culture compared to constructs seeded at 50 million cells/mL (Kavalkovich et al. 2002). In keeping with this observation, we found a marked reduction in GAG deposition per cell (~75% reduction) in constructs seeded at 60 million MSCs/mL relative to constructs seeded at 20 million MSCs/mL.

During chondrogenesis in the limb bud and in *in vitro* micromass models using these cells, increased cellularity promotes cell-cell contact and enhances differentiation (Tacchetti et al. 1992; Oberlender et al. 1994). Our results and those of others suggest that there exists an optimal MSC density that maximizes GAG production per cell, even when cells are not in direct contact in 3D hydrogel systems. At seeding densities higher than this optimal value, chondrogenesis may be adversely affected. Studies using chondrocyte-based constructs have also shown that while matrix biosynthesis is initially high during early culture periods, when the pericellular environment is being established *de novo*, a decline in synthesis rate is observed with gradual accumulation of ECM (Buschmann et al. 1992). At earlier time points than those assayed in our studies, a higher seeding density may promote matrix biosynthesis until a certain threshold value of bulk GAG content is attained. To assess whether such negative feedback mechanisms regulate matrix accumulation rates in MSC-based constructs, future work will assess GAG synthesis at earlier time points. Alternatively, a deficit in nutrient supply may reduce the extent of differentiation or matrix production observed at the higher seeding density. For example, we have shown more robust production of ECM in chondrocyte-

seeded gels in medium containing 20% FBS compared to 10% FBS medium (Mauck et al. 2003). Additional studies will be required to address this important question.

To further enhance MSC chondrogenesis, we also examined the effect of transient application of TGF- β 3 in the context of changing seeding densities. While chondrocytes responded favorably to transient exposure of TGF- β 3 by dramatically increasing the equilibrium modulus, MSCs seeded at the same density (20 million/mL) showed no change with removal of the growth factor. Although the ‘release’ phenomenon was not observed in MSCs seeded at this density, removal of TGF- β 3 did not abrogate accrued properties, indicating that MSCs were able to maintain their differentiated phenotype and functional properties. Conversely, when MSCs were seeded at a higher density (60 million cells/mL), transient application of TGF- β 3 had a pronounced effect on the equilibrium modulus and GAG accumulation. This finding suggests the potential for quorum sensing in triggering the ‘release’ phenomenon in MSCs, where by paracrine signaling between cells may potentiate the ‘release’ response after TGF- β 3 withdrawal. Alternatively, at a higher seeding density (i.e. 60 million cells/mL), a smaller fraction of MSCs may undergo chondrogenesis or the extent of chondrogenesis might be limited in induced cells, potentially through negative feedback mechanisms or nutrient limitations and growth factor supply. The improvement in total GAG content and equilibrium compressive properties in these constructs with removal of TGF- β 3 may be due to enhanced recruitment of undifferentiated cells or enhanced GAG production by committed MSCs. Whether the triggering response is initiated by chondrogenically committed or uncommitted cells is as yet unknown.

Despite improved GAG production in these MSC-laden constructs with the removal of TGF- β 3, the GAG content on a per cell basis remained markedly reduced compared to MSC constructs seeded at 20 million cells/mL (~ 65% lower). This suggests that simply adding additional MSCs does not overcome their inherent matrix forming limitations compared to fully differentiated chondrocytes. Furthermore, while MSCs seeded at 20 million cells/mL did not respond to ‘release’ in general, in two instances (out of six), increases in equilibrium modulus was observed on par with that of cells seeded at 60M cells/mL. This observation implies that if this response is dependent on the initial seeding density, 20 million cells/mL may be close to the threshold density. To test whether seeding density was a factor in this ‘release’ response, we also cultured MSC pellets under transient conditions and assessed GAG content and histological features. Consistent with findings for MSC constructs seeded at 60 million cells/mL, transient exposure to TGF- β 3 induced significant increases GAG accumulation in MSC pellets.

The ability of MSCs to generate functional matrix is merely one aspect of engineering viable replacement tissue. For clinical application, the phenotype of these cells must be maintained once removed from the controlled, pro-chondrogenic and chemically defined culture environment to the much less defined, and often inflammatory, *in vivo* setting. As other *in vitro* studies have demonstrated, we have shown here that a chondrocyte-like phenotype is maintained in constructs after initiation of chondrogenesis with transient exposure to TGF- β 3. Furthermore, we have shown continuous expression of genes encoding cartilage matrix elements as well as four genes encoding enzymes involved in

proteoglycan synthesis. While most of these genes were insensitive to TGF- β 3 withdrawal, the expression levels of Galnac increased rapidly after removal of the growth factor. This was consistent across all ‘release’ groups, including MSCs seeded at 20 million cells/mL (which did not improve in properties), and the levels achieved by 7 weeks exceeded that of the continuous exposure control groups. While the expression of Galnac may be modulated to some extent by ‘release,’ the complete molecular mechanism underlying the dramatic increases in mechanical properties and GAG content associated with the ‘release’ response is still unclear. Larger scale screening methods (such as microarray analysis) may be required to fully understand this phenomenon. Alternatively, factors not examined in this study, such as post-translational modifications may play a crucial role and warrant further study.

Although transient application and removal of TGF- β 3 from the culture medium did not adversely affect chondrogenic gene expression, histological analysis of our constructs revealed enlarged cell lacunae. This morphological feature is prominent in cells with high metabolic activities (producing large amounts of highly charged proteoglycan) (Quinn et al. 2002), but is also consistent with the hypertrophic changes associated with endochondral ossification. This morphology was not detected in MSCs seeded at 20 million cells/mL or in constructs cultured continuously in TGF- β 3 (i.e., groups not undergoing a ‘release’ response). Despite the presence of these enlarged cells, there was no additional evidence indicative of hypertrophic transitions taking place. There was no evidence of matrix mineralization or a shift to type I collagen production 4 weeks after removal of TGF- β 3, and type X collagen deposition was also not observed. This finding

is supported by one study, which showed that TGF- β withdrawal alone was not sufficient to induce hypertrophy or mineralization in MSC pellets (Mueller et al. 2008).

While we did not observe phenotypic changes in our MSC constructs in this study, the long term stability of the cartilage phenotype of differentiated MSCs in the absence of pro-chondrogenic factors remains to be determined. Recent work assessing the chondrogenic commitment of MSCs demonstrated pronounced instability of phenotype when cultured under *in vivo* conditions (Pelttari et al. 2006; Jukes et al. 2008). Implantation of chondrogenically differentiated MSCs resulted in extensive mineralization, coupled with the persistence of cartilage-like regions. Remarkably, articular chondrocytes showed no signs of ossification or hypertrophy when implanted *in vivo*, suggesting intrinsic differences remain between these two cell types. In this study, enlarged lacunae were observed in both chondrocyte and MSC seeded constructs undergoing release. While TGF- β removal may not be sufficient to induce phenotypic changes, its absence may create a permissive environment for other factors present *in vivo* to drive osteogenesis in cells that are less complete in their commitment to the chondrocyte phenotype. In one *in vitro* study, Mueller et al induced mineralization of chondrogenically differentiated MSC pellets by the addition of triiodothyronine and β -glycerophosphate after withdrawing TGF- β (Mueller et al. 2008). Additional work, using both chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs, will be required to demonstrate the stability of the cartilage phenotype in our ‘released’ constructs if they are to be viable candidates for regenerative therapies.

The work described herein demonstrates that functional MSC chondrogenesis is regulated by initial seeding density and transient application of TGF- β 3. The equilibrium modulus reported here (~200 kPa) for constructs seeded at 60 million cells/mL and cultured with transient TGF- β 3 exposure is the highest value we have yet achieved for MSCs seeded in agarose hydrogels. This modulus is ~50% that of native bovine tissue (Athanasίου et al. 1991; Ateshian et al. 1997), and suggests the potential of these cells for the production of functional engineered cartilage constructs. While the parameters used in this study generated MSC constructs with the highest equilibrium modulus we have ever achieved using these cells, the properties attained still fall below chondrocyte construct values when cultured under similar conditions. This finding further underscores the inherent differences that remain between these two cell types, even after MSCs commit to the chondrocyte phenotype. While GAG content and compressive equilibrium properties approached native levels, collagen content and dynamic properties remained low for all cell-seeded constructs. Continuing optimization strategies should focus on these critical aspects of engineered cartilage constructs. We and others have deployed novel materials (Connelly et al. 2007; Kisiday et al. 2008) and constructed mechanical loading systems (Mauck et al. 2007; Mouw et al. 2007) that may better foster the chondrogenic differentiation process. These advances have the potential to generate functional cartilage replacements based on MSCs, especially if combined with the defined media regimes and seeding density requirements indicated from our results. Recent work using chondrocyte-based constructs demonstrate that mechanical loading applied in concert with transient exposure to TGF- β 3 can generate neo-tissues with mechanical properties exceeding that of either treatment alone (Lima et al. 2007). Despite this potential,

expectations must be tempered regarding the capacity of a newly differentiated cell type relative to fully differentiated cells, and must take heed of the continuing necessity of promoting and maintaining the differentiated phenotype and functional properties after in vivo implantation.

CHAPTER 4: LONG-TERM DYNAMIC LOADING IMPROVES THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF CHONDROGENIC MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL-LADEN HYDROGELS

4.1 Introduction

The practical use of MSCs for cartilage regeneration has thus far been limited by the inferior mechanical properties generated by constructs based on these cells. As Chapter 3 demonstrated, these limitations in functional chondrogenesis are not simply due to insufficient cell number within the constructs (Kavalkovich et al. 2002; Huang et al. 2009). While transient exposure to TGF- β 3 enhanced GAG content and mechanical properties when applied to MSC-laden constructs seeded at 60 million cells/mL, on a per cell basis, these properties remained lower than that of constructs seeded at 20 million cells/mL. In addition, the final properties achieved do not meet the mechanical benchmarks of the native tissue described in Chapter 2. Limitations in functional MSC chondrogenesis then, may be due to an intrinsic limitation in TGF- β mediated chondrogenesis, in the absence of additional stimuli. Given the mechanically demanding environment of articular cartilage, the ability of MSC-based constructs to function within this environment is an important consideration and will directly affect clinical success.

Therefore, mechanical stimulation may be one strategy for optimizing chondrogenesis and overcoming these functional limitations as mechanical loading plays a vital role in the development, remodeling and maintenance of normal articular cartilage. During development, inhibition of muscle contraction and forces acting on skeletal elements

results in abnormal joint formation (Mikic et al. 2000; Mikic et al. 2004). After birth, loading-induced remodeling of articular cartilage leads to dramatic changes in tissue structure (particularly of the collagen network) and increases in mechanical properties; in the absence of loading, this remodeling is not observed (Williamson et al. 2001; Williamson et al. 2003; Williamson et al. 2003). In addition, normal joint loading has also been implicated in the maintenance of the chondrogenic phenotype of articular chondrocytes within cartilage (Chen et al. 2008).

For cartilage tissue engineering, dynamic compression has proven especially effective in improving the functional properties of chondrocyte-seeded constructs (Mauck et al. 2000; Mauck et al. 2003; Lima et al. 2006). While less is known regarding the mechanoresponsivity of MSC-based constructs, recent work with MSCs and related cell types show that dynamic compression modulates the chondrogenic phenotype of these cells (Elder et al. 2000; Elder et al. 2001; Elder 2002). In general, loading of human or rabbit MSCs increases expression of aggrecan and collagen type II (Angele et al. 2004; Huang et al. 2004), and is mediated by induction of the TGF- β signaling pathway (Huang et al. 2005). The presence/absence of TGF- β also dictates the response of MSCs to compressive loading. Loading in the absence of TGF- β improves proteoglycan synthesis levels of equine MSCs relative to free swelling controls while in cultures loaded in the presence of TGF- β , matrix synthesis levels diminish (Kisiday et al. 2009). Taken together, these findings suggest that dynamic compression modulates MSC chondrogenic differentiation and that the presence/absence of TGF- β influences this process.

While promising, the majority of the studies noted above were limited to short-term loading durations and focused on changes in gene expression and instantaneous measures of ECM synthesis. These studies have not established a link between these transient events and functional outcomes related to matrix accumulation and mechanical properties of the forming tissue. Indeed, repeated exposure to physical stimuli is often required for transient perturbations in ECM synthesis to culminate in changes in functional properties (Angele et al. 2003). In one recent study, dynamic compression (initiated immediately after porcine MSC encapsulation in agarose) was carried out over 42 days in the presence of TGF- β . Findings from this study showed a marked reduction in the mechanical properties of loaded constructs compared to free-swelling controls (Thorpe et al. 2008). In this previous work, loading was initiated before chondrogenesis had developed or deposition of local ECM had occurred, however, others have suggested that these initial phenotypic transitions may regulate MSC response to physical signals. For example, Mouw et al. showed that a single application of dynamic compression improved both collagen type II and aggrecan expression when bovine MSC-seeded constructs were pre-cultured in TGF- β 1 containing media for longer culture durations (Mouw et al. 2007). Similarly, Terraciano et al. demonstrated that human embryonic stem cells in 3D culture responded adversely to compressive loading in the absence of TGF- β ; but responded positively when loading was initiated after a period of chondrogenic pre-differentiation (Terraciano et al. 2007).

Collectively, these foundational studies on MSC mechanobiology suggest that dynamic compressive loading can modulate MSC chondrogenesis, though it is important to

consider species differences when interpreting these findings as a number of these studies utilized MSCs derived from various species. These same studies also indicate that loading-mediated improvements in functional maturation of MSC-seeded constructs with dynamic loading may require the establishment of a chondrogenic phenotype before exposure to mechanical perturbation. To test this hypothesis, we applied long-term dynamic compressive loading to MSC-seeded constructs and evaluated the resulting changes in construct mechanical properties over 6 weeks of culture. We assessed whether varying pre-culture duration, loading regimens and inclusion of TGF- β 3 during loading would affect functional outcomes and phenotypic transitions. While long-term loading initiated soon after MSC encapsulation reduced the mechanical properties of constructs, loading initiated after a short period of chondrogenesis and matrix elaboration dramatically improved construct mechanical properties. These findings show, for the first time, that the mechanical properties of MSC-seeded constructs can be enhanced by dynamic compressive loading, and point towards improved clinical translation of MSC-based cartilage constructs.

4.2 Materials and Methods

4.2.1 Dynamic Compression of MSC-Seeded Constructs

MSCs were isolated and expanded as described in Section 3.2.1. MSCs from at least two donors were combined for each study with a total of 8 donors used (donor sets A, B, C and D). To carry out these studies, MSC-laden constructs (Ø4 mm x 2.25 mm) were formed with a final cell seeding density of 20 million cells/mL as in Section 3.2.2 and cultured in chemically defined media. For all studies, dynamic unconfined compression

was applied using a custom bioreactor with impermeable platens (**Figure 4-1**) (Mauck et al. 2007). The loading protocol consisted of a 10% dynamic strain superimposed on a static 2% tare strain, with constructs in unconfined conditions (i.e., allowed to expand radially with axial compression). For all studies, loading was carried out at 37°C in a humidified incubator for 5 days per week for 3 weeks with free-swelling controls cultured in parallel.

A total of five independent studies were carried out as outlined in **Figure 4-1D**, with cells combined from two donors for each study (each distinct donor set is indicated accordingly). In Study 1, dynamic compression was initiated 3 days after MSC encapsulation. Loading was applied at 1 Hz for 4 hours per day in CM supplemented with (CM+) or without (CM-) 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3 (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). Gene expression was assessed weekly by real-time PCR. For Studies 2-5, dynamic compression was initiated after a 3 week pre-culture period in CM+. In Study 2, pre-cultured constructs were loaded in CM- or CM+ at 1 Hz for 4 hours per day. In Study 3, loading was applied for 1 hour or 4 hours per day at 1 Hz in CM+. In Study 4, dynamic compression was applied for 4 hours per day at 1 Hz or 0.01 Hz in CM+ medium. In Study 5, free-swelling constructs were cultured in CM- or CM+ for 6 weeks and loading was applied in CM+ at 1 Hz for 4 hours daily beginning at week 3. For all studies, mechanical and biochemical analyses were carried out at 3 and 6 weeks according to protocols established in Sections 3.2. For Study 5, global gene expression was assessed by microarray.

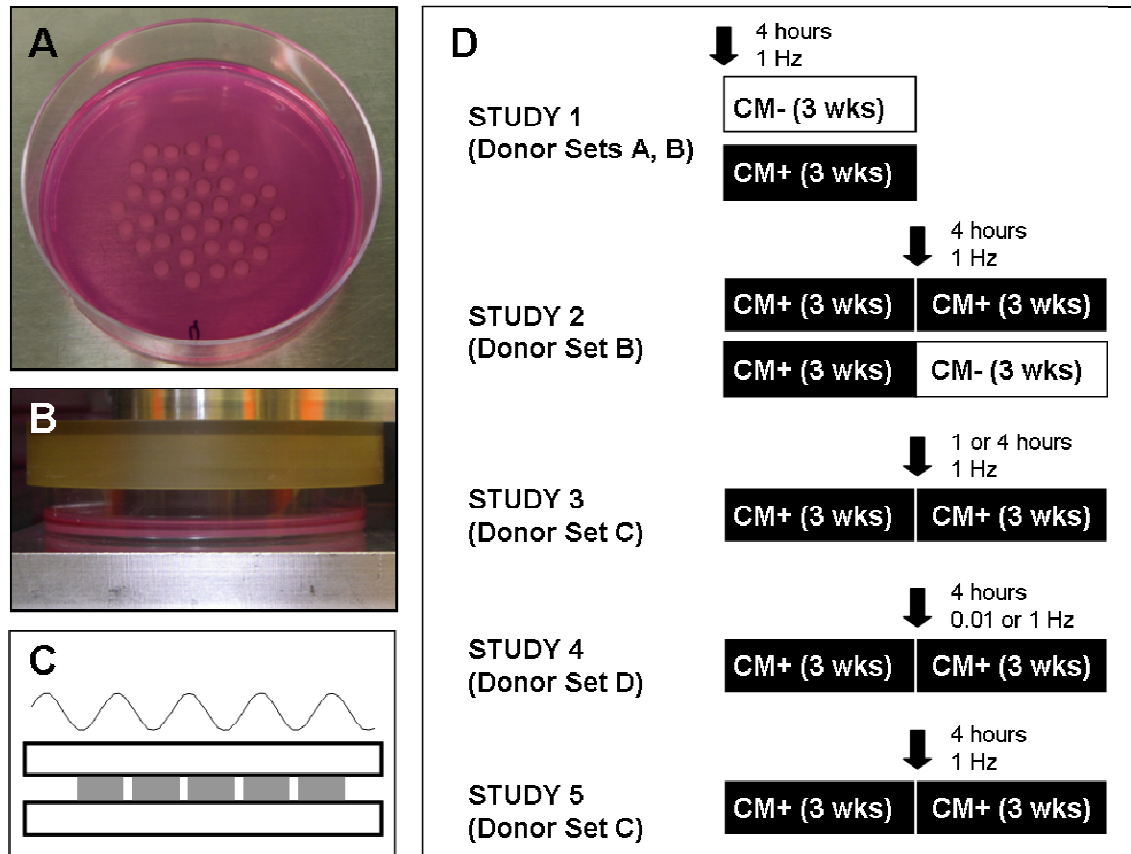


Figure 4-1: Unconfined dynamic compressive loading of MSC-laden constructs in a custom bioreactor system. (A) To hold constructs in place, molds were fabricated by casting a thin layer (~ 1.5 mm thickness) of sterile 4% agarose; Ø5 mm wells were made after gelation and MSC-seeded constructs (Ø4 mm) were maintained in these wells throughout the culture duration. **(B)** Impermeable platens were used to apply a **(C)** sinusoidal displacement to MSC-seeded constructs. **(D)** Separate studies were carried out to examine the effects of pre-culture, loading duration, loading frequency, and dependence on TGF- β 3.

4.2.2 Microarray Hybridization and Analysis

Total RNA was extracted and quantified as described in Section 3.2.6. Microarray services were provided by the Penn Microarray Facility, including quality control tests of total RNA by Agilent Bioanalyzer and Nanodrop spectrophotometry. All protocols were conducted as described in the NuGEN Ovation manual and the Affymetrix GeneChip Expression Analysis Technical Manual. Briefly, 100 ng of total RNA was converted to first-strand cDNA using reverse transcriptase primed by a poly(T) oligomer that

incorporated a synthetic RNA sequence. Second-strand cDNA synthesis was followed by ribo-SPIA (Single Primer Isothermal Amplification, NuGEN Technologies Inc. San Carlo, CA) for linear amplification of each transcript, and the resulting cDNA was fragmented, assessed by Bioanalyzer, and biotinylated. cDNA yields ranged from 5-10 µg, and 5 µg were added to Affymetrix hybridization cocktails, heated at 99°C for 2 min and hybridized for 16 h at 45°C to 9 Bovine GeneChips (Affymetrix Inc., Santa Clara, CA). Microarrays were washed at low (6X SSPE) and high (100mM MES, 0.1M NaCl) stringency and stained with streptavidin-phycoerythrin. Fluorescence was amplified by adding biotinylated anti-streptavidin and an additional aliquot of streptavidin-phycoerythrin stain. Fluorescence signals were collected after excitation at 570 nm by the Affymetrix Gene Chip Scanner 3000 (Affymetrix Inc.).

Output (.cel) files from scanning were processed using Microarray Suite (v.5, Affymetrix Inc., Santa Clara, CA) and gene expression was assessed after normalization. Expression levels were evaluated for free-swelling week 6 MSCs in CM-, free-swelling week 6 MSCs in CM+ and dynamically loaded MSCs in CM+ at week 6. Microarray data were analyzed using Spotfire Software (Tibco, Somerville, MA). All microarray data discussed in this manuscript have been deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus and are accessible through GEO Series accession number GSE18879 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE18879>).

4.2.3 Histology and Immunohistochemistry

Paraffin sections (8 µm) were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E, Sigma, St. Louis, MO), Alcian Blue (pH 1.0), or Picrosirius Red for cell distribution, sulfated proteoglycans

and collagens, respectively (Section 3.2.7). For immunohistochemistry, antigen retrieval was performed by incubating sections in proteinase K (20 µg/mL in TE buffer, pH 8.0) at 37°C for 15 minutes, then at 25°C for 10 minutes. Collagens type I (MAB3391, Millipore, Billerica, MA) and type II (11-116B3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA) primary antibodies were used. Subsequent reaction and visualization with DAB chromogen reagent (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore, Billerica, MA) was carried out according to manufacturer's instructions as in Section 3.2.8. Color images were captured at 2.5X or 10X magnification using a microscope equipped with a color CCD digital camera and the QCapturePro acquisition software.

4.2.4 Fourier Transform Infrared Imaging Spectroscopy (FT-IRIS)

FT-IRIS was carried out using a Spectrum Spotlight 300 spectrometer (Perkin-Elmer, Waltham, MA) equipped with an optical microscope and an array detector. Sections (8 µm) were mounted onto barium fluoride windows and scanned with a spatial resolution of 25 µm and a spectral resolution of 4 cm⁻¹. The acquired spectra were analyzed using ISys software 5.0 (Malvern Instruments Ltd., Worcestershire, UK). Collagen and proteoglycan distributions were determined by molecular vibrations at specific frequencies (wavenumber, cm⁻¹); the amide I absorbance band (1720-1592 cm⁻¹; C=O stretch) was used to map collagen while proteoglycans were visualized using the 1176-960 cm⁻¹ band (C-O-C and C-OH ring vibrations)(Kim et al. 2005; Boskey et al. 2007). FT-IRIS analysis was performed on three samples per group.

4.2.5 Statistical Analysis

Statistics were performed on mechanical and biochemical data using ANOVA. For Studies 1 and 2, a two way ANOVA was used with media and loading condition as independent variables. For Studies 3-5, a one way ANOVA was carried out. Where significance was indicated by ANOVA, Tukey's posthoc tests were performed. Significance was determined at $p \leq 0.05$ and a trend toward significance determined at $p < 0.1$. All values are reported as mean \pm standard deviation.

4.3 Results

4.3.1 Dynamic Compression Initiated Before Chondrogenesis Impairs Functional Maturation of MSC-Seeded Constructs

To examine the effects of direct mechanical stimulation on functional chondrogenesis, MSC-seeded constructs were subjected to repeated dynamic compression over 3 weeks. In Study 1, dynamic loading (DL) was initiated 3 days after MSC encapsulation and carried out in the presence (CM+) or absence (CM-) of TGF- β 3. Free swelling (FS) controls were cultured and analyzed identically. The equilibrium and dynamic compressive moduli improved with time in culture for all groups cultured in CM+, regardless of loading ($p < 0.05$). Consistent with our previous studies (Huang et al. 2009), the equilibrium and dynamic modulus of FS CM+ constructs reached ~80 kPa and ~350 kPa, respectively, by 3 weeks. Conversely, the modulus of FS CM- constructs remained similar to that of acellular 2% agarose (~2 kPa, **Figure 4-2A**). Long-term DL initiated 3 days after construct fabrication significantly reduced the mechanical properties of CM+ constructs at 3 weeks relative to FS CM+ controls ($p < 0.05$). At 3 weeks, the equilibrium

and dynamic moduli of DL CM+ constructs were ~35 kPa and ~230 kPa, respectively (**Figure 4-2A, B**). Although significantly greater than day 0 properties (equilibrium modulus: ~ 2 kPa, dynamic modulus: ~ 45 kPa), these values were less than two thirds that of FS CM+ constructs.

While DL did not change the mechanical properties of CM- constructs (**Figure 4-2A, B**), GAG content was reduced with DL (trend, $p=0.07$), although DNA and collagen contents were not affected (**Figure 4-2C-E**). DL applied in CM+ reduced all biochemical measures relative to FS CM+. Despite this reduction, DNA and GAG contents remained significantly higher in DL CM+ compared to either FS CM- or DL CM- groups, indicating that successful chondrogenesis had occurred, but to a lesser extent. DNA content for both FS and DL groups at 3 weeks was also significantly higher than day 3 starting values, while GAG content on a per cell basis (GAG/DNA) was comparable between 3 week FS and DL CM+ groups (not shown). These quantitative biochemical findings were mirrored qualitatively in histological sections, with less intense staining for proteoglycans and collagens in DL CM+ compared to FS CM+ sections (**Figures 4-2F-K**).

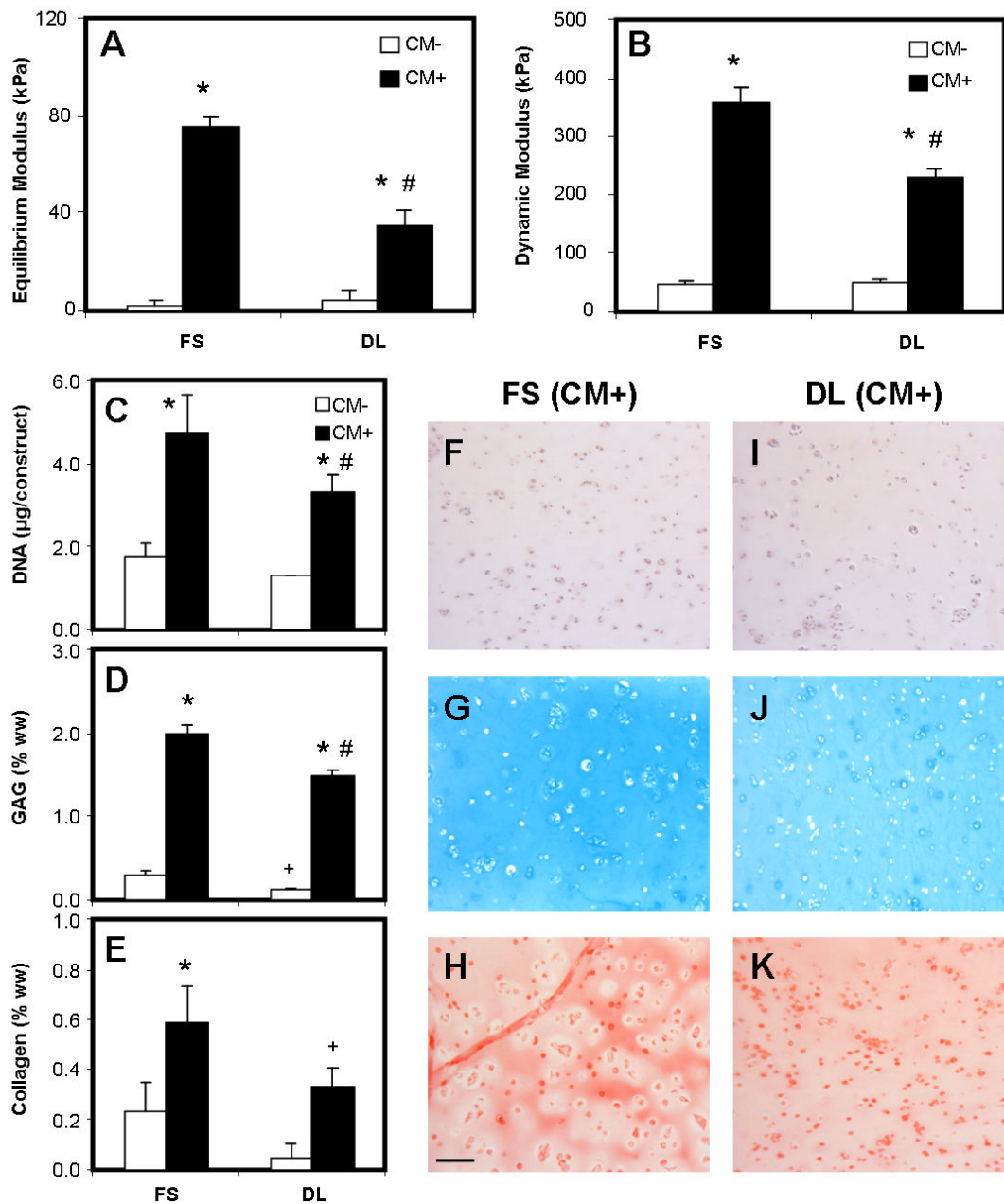


Figure 4-2: Long-term dynamic compression initiated directly after construct fabrication blocks functional maturation. (A) The equilibrium and (B) dynamic moduli of MSC-seeded constructs loaded in CM+ were impaired by 3 weeks of dynamic compression. (D) DNA, (E) GAG, and (F) collagen contents were similarly affected. Histological analysis confirmed these findings with (F, I) H&E, (G, J) Alcian Blue, and (H, K) Picrosirius Red staining for cell content, proteoglycans and collagens, respectively. Scale bar: 100 μm. * indicates greater than CM- (p<0.05), # indicates lower than FS CM+ (p<0.05), + indicates lower than FS control within media condition (p<0.1). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of three samples per group per time point.

Real-time PCR analysis of these MSC-seeded constructs showed that while DL reduced mechanical and biochemical measures, DL increased expression of both AGC1 and COL2A1 at almost every time point assayed in both CM- and CM+ media relative to FS controls (Figure 4-3).

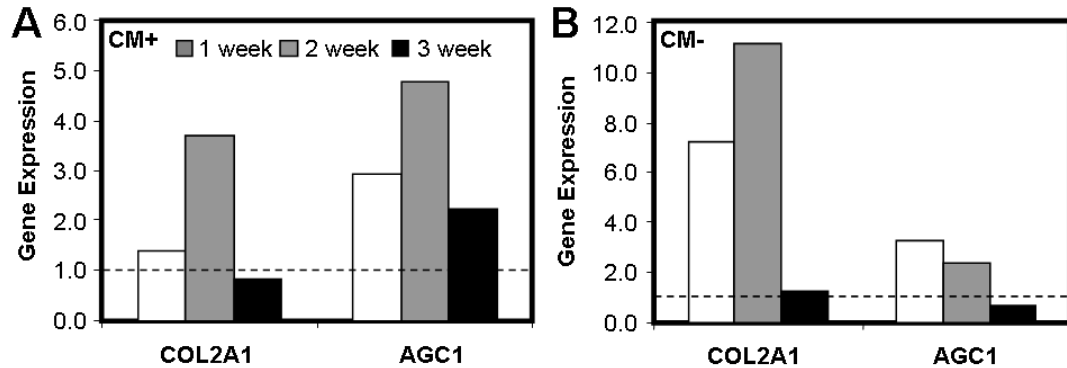


Figure 4-3: Long-term dynamic compression initiated directly after construct fabrication improves chondrogenic gene expression. At nearly every timepoint, COL2A1 and AGC1 expression improved with loading in (A) CM+ and (B) CM- media. Expression levels were normalized to free-swelling controls at each timepoint (indicated by the dashed line).

4.3.2 Long-Term Dynamic Compression Initiated After Chondrogenic Pre-Culture Improves Functional Properties of MSC-Seeded Constructs

To assess whether a period of chondrogenic pre-culture alters functional maturation in response to DL, MSC-seeded constructs were differentiated in TGF- β 3 containing media prior to the initiation of loading (Study 2). Constructs were cultured in CM+ for 3 weeks (weeks 1-3) and then subjected to 3 weeks of dynamic loading (weeks 4-6) in CM+ or CM-. As we have previously observed (Huang et al. 2009), the mechanical properties of MSC-seeded constructs increased with time, but plateaued after 3 weeks, with no significant difference in mechanical properties between the 3 and 6 week FS groups in CM+ (not shown). In contrast to Study 1, the equilibrium and dynamic properties of pre-

cultured constructs with 3 additional weeks of DL in CM+ were significantly higher than FS controls in CM+ (**Figure 4-4A**). DL CM+ constructs reached equilibrium and dynamic moduli at week 6 of ~150 kPa (65% increase vs. FS CM+) and ~800 kPa (38% increase vs. FS CM+), respectively. This increase in properties with DL was only observed when loading was applied in CM+. In the absence of TGF- β 3 (CM- from week 4 to week 6), DL did not change mechanical properties. To better understand the threshold for DL-induced improvements in functional properties, Studies 3 and 4, examined the influence of loading duration (1 or 4 hours) and loading frequency (0.01 or 1 Hz) on construct properties. While DL in CM+ for 4 hours per day at 1 Hz always increased mechanical properties compared to FS controls, DL for 1 hour per day at 1 Hz or 4 hours per day at 0.01 Hz had no effect on these measures (**Figures 4-4B, C**).

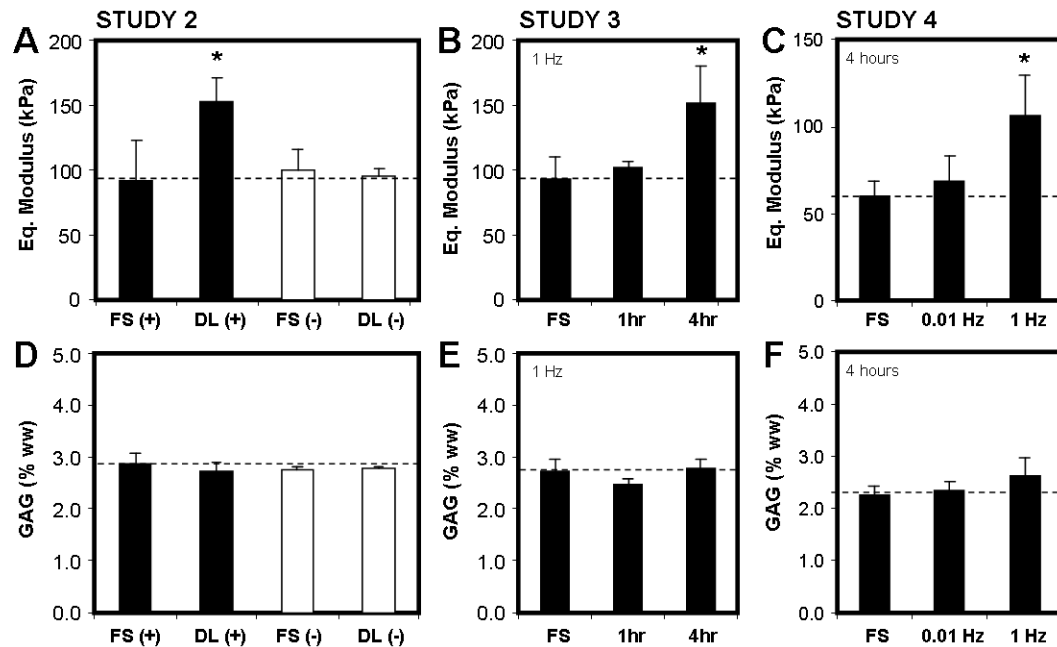


Figure 4-4: Long-term dynamic loading initiated after chondrogenic pre-culture improves mechanical properties. (A-C) The equilibrium modulus of MSC-seeded constructs improved only when loading was applied in CM+ for 4 hours per day at 1 Hz. No improvement in mechanical properties was observed when other loading regimens were employed. (D-F) GAG content was not affected by loading. Black bars indicate CM+ media and white bars indicate CM- media. * indicates greater than control (p<0.05). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of three to five samples per group per time point.

Despite increases in mechanical properties, GAG (Figures 4-4D-F) and collagen (Figure 4-5) contents were not different between any of the CM+ groups. Similarly, GAG released into the media was not different when comparing FS to DL (data not shown). DNA content was not affected by loading in Studies 2 and 4, but was slightly reduced in the 4 hour loaded samples compared to FS conditions in Study 3 (Figure 4-5).

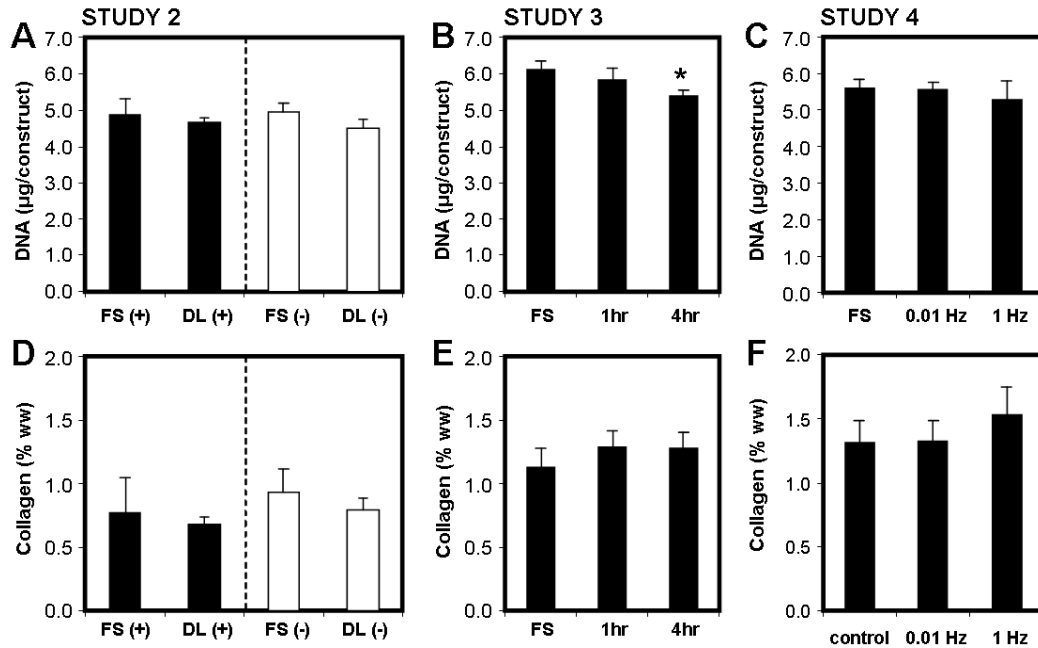


Figure 4-5: Long-term dynamic loading initiated after chondrogenic pre-culture does not improve biochemical content. (A-C) The DNA and (D-F) collagen contents of MSC-seeded constructs were largely unchanged with dynamic compressive loading. Black bars indicate CM+ media and white bars indicate CM- media. * indicates greater than control ($p < 0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of three to five samples per group per time point.

4.3.3 Long-Term Dynamic Compression Enhances Matrix Distribution

Based on Studies 1-4, a dynamic compressive loading protocol of 4 hours per day at a frequency of 1 Hz, initiated after 3 weeks of pre-culture, was applied in a final study designed to further elucidate the mechanism of load-induced increases in mechanical properties of MSC-seeded constructs (Study 5). As before, loading was carried out for 5 days per week for 3 weeks. Consistent with these previous iterations, the equilibrium modulus improved with DL, but bulk GAG and collagen contents were not different compared to FS (**Figure 4-6A, B**). FS CM- constructs did not deposit appreciable ECM with long-term culture; these findings were confirmed histologically, with weak pericellular staining for proteoglycans and collagens observed. At the microscopic level, GAG distribution was similar between CM+ DL and FS constructs, while collagen

content was more uniformly distributed in the CM+ DL groups (**Figure 4-6**). At the final time point, all CM+ constructs stained strongly for type II collagen and weakly for type I collagen (**Figure 4-7**), regardless of loading condition (**Figure 4-6J, K**). Type II collagen was more uniformly distributed with DL, consistent with the Picrosirius Red stains. Despite the absence of TGF- β 3, by week 6, a subset of MSCs in CM- had undergone chondrogenesis to a limited extent, depositing a small amount of type II collagen in the immediate pericellular space (**Figure 4-6I**).

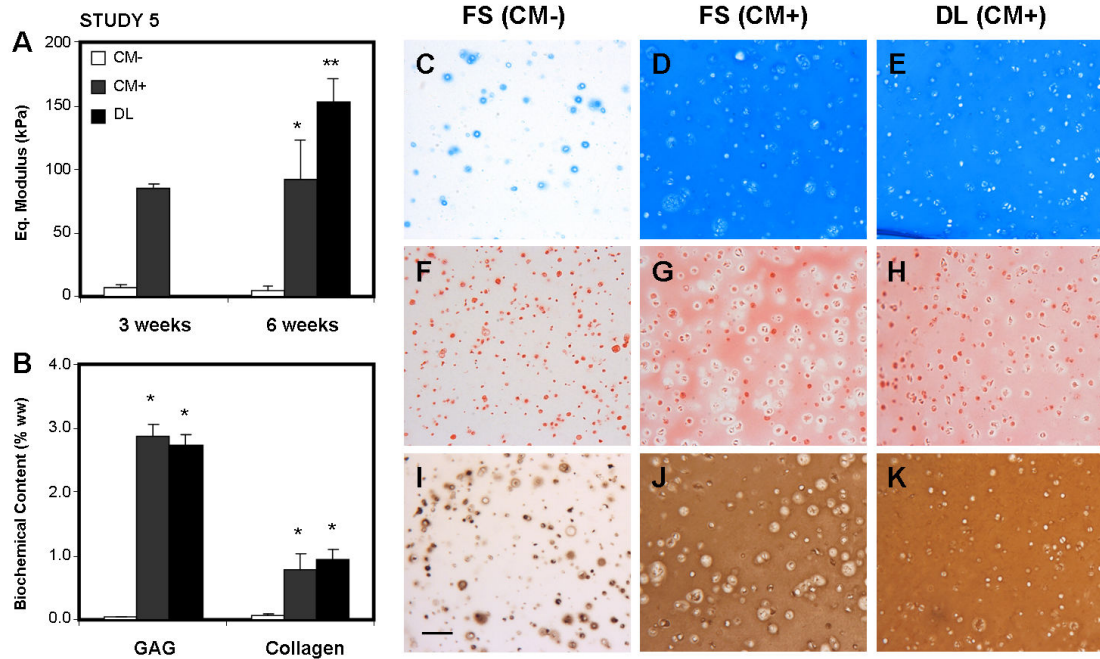


Figure 4-6: Long-term dynamic loading initiated after 3 weeks of chondrogenic pre-culture improves microscopic ECM distribution. (A) The equilibrium modulus of MSC-seeded constructs was higher in CM+ compared to CM- at 3 and 6 weeks; dynamic loading in CM+ for 3 weeks further improved mechanical properties. (B) Biochemical content of dynamically loaded constructs was not different compared to CM+ controls. (C-E) Alcian Blue staining showed equal distribution of proteoglycans between CM+ controls and loaded constructs with weak staining in CM- controls. (F-H) Picrosirius Red staining and (I-K) collagen type II immunostaining showed more homogeneous distribution of collagen in loaded constructs compared to controls, on the microscopic level. Scale bar: 100 μ m. * indicates greater than CM- controls ($p < 0.05$), ** indicates greater than CM+ controls ($p < 0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of three samples per group per time point.

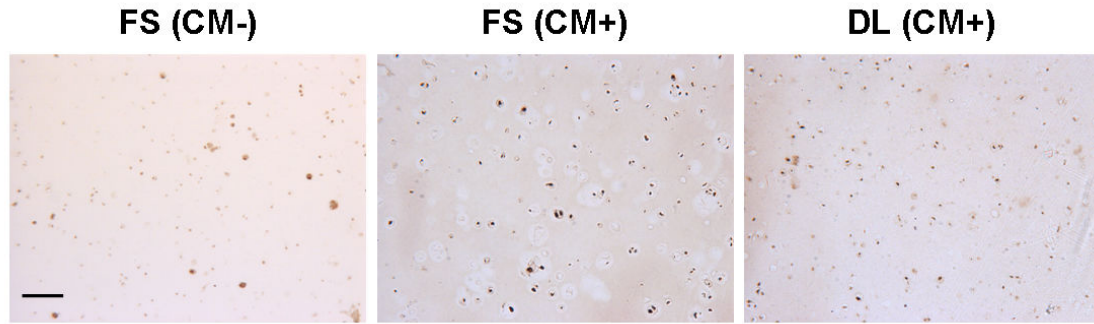


Figure 4-7: Type I collagen staining of free-swelling and dynamically loaded constructs. Weak, pericellular staining for type I collagen was observed for all constructs, regardless of loading. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

Finally, FT-IRIS was performed as a more sensitive measure of proteoglycan and collagen distribution across the construct expanse. Characteristic spectra for proteoglycans and collagens showed consistently improved distribution with DL, particularly in the construct central regions (**Figure 4-8**).

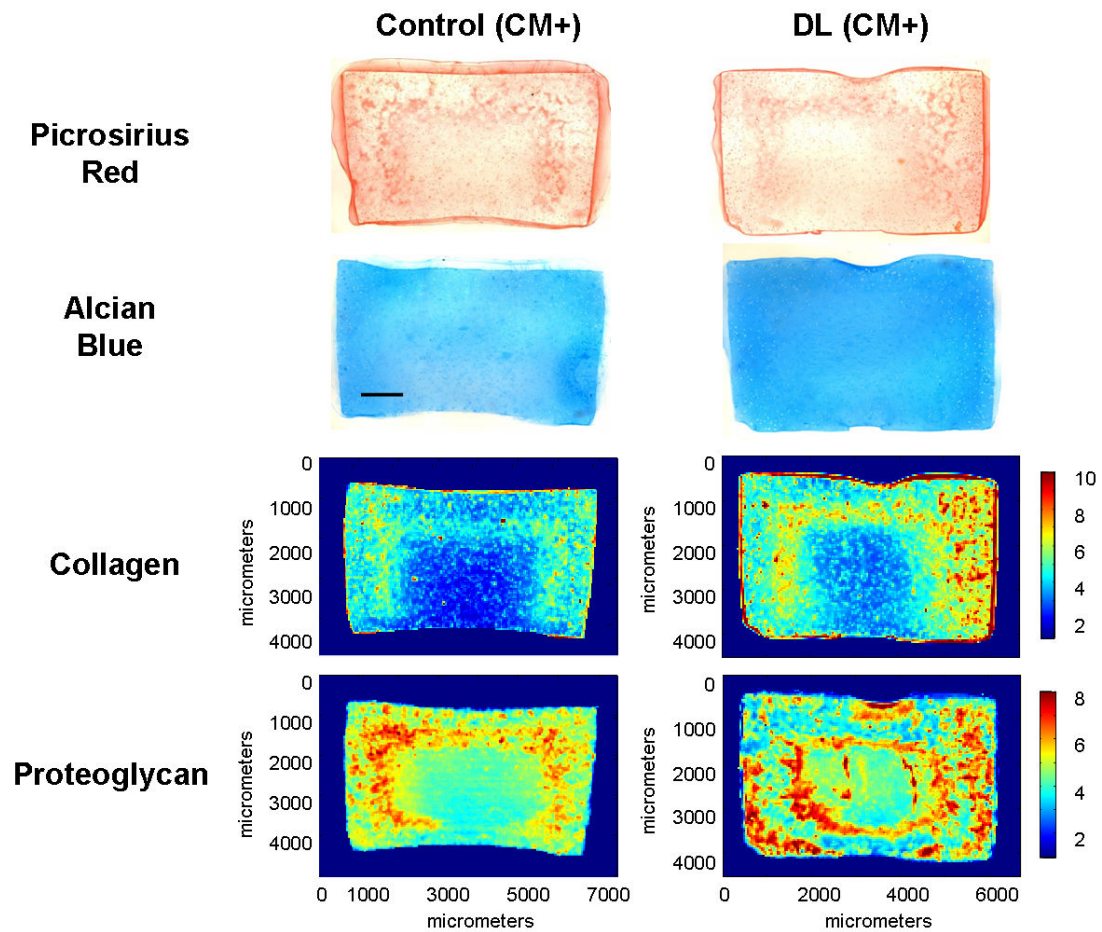


Figure 4-8: FT-IRIS assessment of matrix distribution. Whole construct views of Picrosirius Red and Alcian Blue stained cross-sections showing distributions of collagen and proteoglycan within FS and DL constructs. Spectral data obtained from FT-IRIS analysis, a more sensitive and semi-quantitative measurement technique, showed improved collagen and proteoglycan distribution within MSC-seeded constructs with dynamic compressive loading. Scale bar: 1mm.

4.3.4 Expression Profiles With Chondrogenic Induction and Long Term Dynamic Compression

In a final analysis, a preliminary microarray screen was performed to visualize shifts in molecular topography that might underlie the observed differences in mechanical properties with dynamic loading. This screen compared whole genome expression profiles for week 6 FS CM- samples (undifferentiated), FS CM+ samples (differentiated), and DL

CM+ samples. CM- and CM+ groups were chosen as undifferentiated and differentiated controls, respectively, in order to identify markers associated with functional chondrogenesis. Heat maps at week 6 showed changes in gene expression with chondrogenesis (CM+ vs. CM-), with higher and lower levels of expression for individual genes depicted in red and green, respectively (**Figure 4-9A**). While the molecular fingerprints between FS CM+ and DL CM+ were more alike compared to FS CM-, DL modulated the expression of a number of genes (**Figure 4-9A**). Venn diagrams showed 5449 genes that were chondrogenic, but not mechanically sensitive; of these genes, 4280 were up-regulated and 1169 were down-regulated during chondrogenesis (**Figure 4-9B, C**). In addition, numerous genes associated with chondrogenesis were further modulated by DL (413 up-regulated, 139 down-regulated). A complete list of the genes modulated by DL can be found in **Appendix 1**.

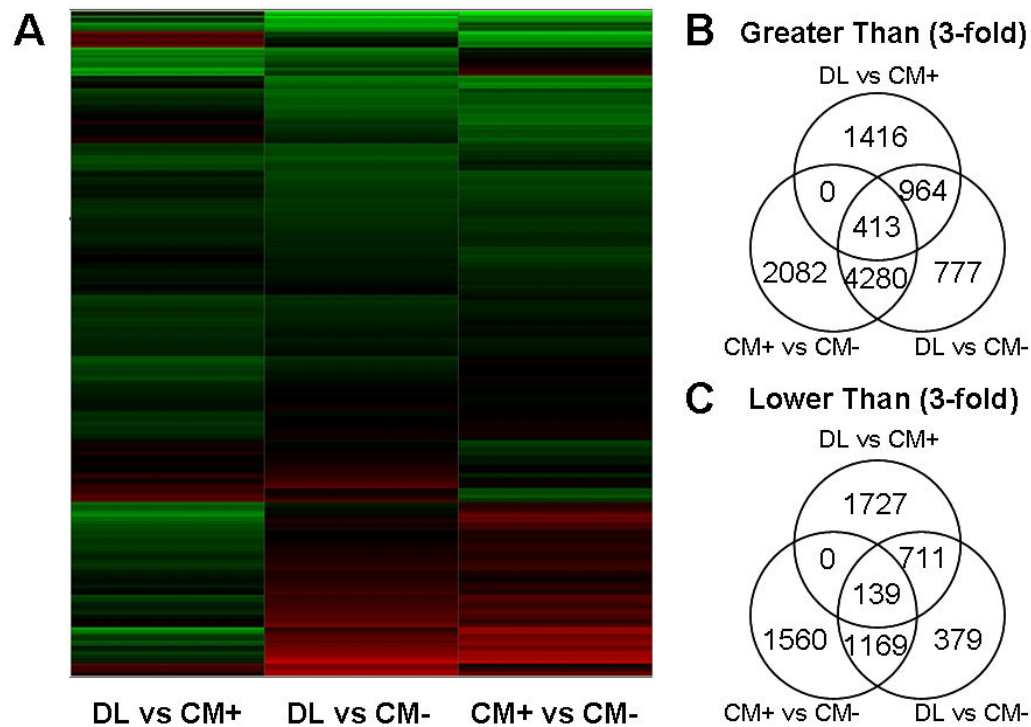


Figure 4-9: Molecular topography of chondro-induction and mechanosensitivity. (A) Heat map generated from microarray data showing differential gene expression (green = greater, red = lower) between CM- free-swelling (FS) controls (CM-), CM+ FS controls (CM+) and constructs dynamically loaded (DL) in CM+ at day 42. **(B, C)** Venn diagrams of CM-, CM+ and DL indicate a number of genes that were differentially regulated with chondrogenic induction (CM+) in 3D culture and with dynamic compressive loading (>3-fold).

4.4 Discussion

Mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) are an ideal candidate for cartilage tissue engineering given their ability to undergo chondrogenesis in 3D culture. Under pro-chondrogenic conditions, MSCs deposit a cartilage-specific matrix and accrue increasingly robust mechanical properties with time. However, recent findings suggest that further optimization may be required to generate properties akin to that of the native tissue, or that of articular chondrocytes cultured similarly (Mauck et al. 2006; Huang et al. 2009). As mechanical stimulation plays a unique role in both cartilage development and the maturation of chondrocyte-based engineered constructs, we examined long-term dynamic

compressive loading as a means of modulating MSC-seeded construct properties and chondrogenesis

Consistent with previous findings, long-term dynamic loading initiated soon after MSC encapsulation in the presence of TGF- β 3 reduced the mechanical properties of constructs compared to free-swelling controls (Thorpe et al. 2008). While biochemical content was lower in these dynamically loaded samples, GAG content per cell was not different from controls and chondrogenic gene expression was up-regulated with loading at each time point assayed. As loading did not affect cell viability, this data suggests that long-term loading in the presence of TGF- β 3 reduced MSC proliferation with commensurate decreases in bulk biochemical and mechanical properties, but did not impair chondrogenic differentiation. Dynamic compression alone, in the absence of TGF- β 3, failed to induce chondrogenesis; in fact, after three weeks of loading, GAG content decreased in loaded groups, though chondrogenic gene expression increased. Thus, while long-term dynamic compression, initiated prior to cell differentiation or matrix deposition, may improve the expression of AGC1 and COL2A1, mechanical properties and GAG content are inferior in these samples, regardless of TGF- β supplementation. Whether this lower GAG content in loaded constructs is due to poor retention of synthesized GAG (caused by differences in molecule size/assembly or possible upregulation of catabolic agents), or due to an actual reduction in GAG synthesis is currently unclear.

In contrast to these findings, loading initiated after chondrogenesis and matrix elaboration in the presence of TGF- β 3 consistently improved the mechanical properties of MSC-seeded constructs. As all other factors remained constant, the timing of load initiation was crucial in determining functional outcomes. These divergent responses to loading can be attributed to changes in MSC phenotype and construct properties with maturation. Work in ligament tissue engineering support the notion that the timing of mechanical stimulation with MSC developmental stage may be a critical determinant of cell response to load (Chen et al. 2006). Similarly, dynamic compression applied after an extended pre-culture time improved chondrogenic gene expression of MSCs, as well as embryonic stem cells (Mouw et al. 2007; Terraciano et al. 2007). As the nuclei of undifferentiated stem cells deform more readily than that of differentiated cells (Pajerowski et al. 2007), the differentiation status of MSCs may play an important role in how these cells perceive external mechanical stimulation. Cell-matrix interactions may also affect load-induced response; since agarose is an inert material, these interactions emerge only as MSCs differentiate and generate local ECM. With matrix elaboration, the physical environment of the cells under dynamic compression is also altered. As construct composition shifts from 2% agarose to a denser, cartilage-like matrix of proteoglycans and collagen and construct permeability decreases, the stresses induced by dynamic compression are higher and largely borne through fluid pressurization (Soltz et al. 1998); this is apparent from our mechanical testing results showing marked increases in the dynamic modulus with culture duration. These differences in fluid pressurization and fluid flow may underlie the profoundly disparate outcomes we observe with dynamic compressive loading, depending on construct maturity. This is consistent with several studies showing

that application of hydrostatic pressure to human MSC aggregates improves cartilaginous matrix deposition and gene expression (Angele et al. 2003; Miyanishi et al. 2006).

Interestingly, in the absence of TGF- β 3, compressive loading initiated after chondrogenic pre-culture did not elicit any changes in functional properties, indicating that the load-induced increase in mechanics is dependent on TGF- β 3. This is consistent with previous findings showing improved matrix synthesis and pSmad2/3 protein levels in pre-cultured bovine MSC-seeded agarose with a single application of loading, when loading was applied in the presence of TGF- β 1 and dexamethasone (Mouw et al. 2007). In contrast to MSCs, repeated dynamic compression of pre-cultured chondrocyte-seeded agarose improved the mechanical properties of these constructs when loading was applied in the absence of TGF- β 3 (Lima et al. 2007). Long-term dynamic compression initiated prior to matrix elaboration also improved the functional properties of chondrocyte-based constructs, though these studies were conducted in the presence of serum (Mauck et al. 2000). Collectively, these studies suggest that the mechanotransduction pathways initiated by dynamic compression may be fundamentally different between chondrocytes and undifferentiated or chondrogenically differentiated MSCs and underscores the need for better characterization of these cell types relative to one another.

While it is unclear how dynamic compression may improve functional MSC chondrogenesis, one potential mechanism may be facilitated nutrient/growth factor transport with dynamic deformation. Theoretical models of dynamic compression of porous permeable materials indicate that solute transport into constructs may be

improved by dynamic loading and that higher frequencies enhance this phenomenon (Mauck et al. 2003). Recent experimental findings validate these theoretical predictions and show that, in particular, the transport of large solutes (with molecular weights similar to that of growth factors such as TGF- β) is facilitated by dynamic compression and is dependent on loading duration (Albro et al. 2008; Chahine et al. 2009). In one set of experiments with acellular agarose gels of varying concentrations, solute uptake increased for higher concentration gels (Albro et al. 2008). These results parallel findings from the current study, where mechanical properties only increased when dynamic loading was initiated after pre-elaboration of matrix (denser construct), and applied at longer durations (4 hours vs. 1 hour) at a higher frequency (1 Hz vs. 0.01 Hz). Notably, loading in the absence of exogenous TGF- β 3 (after chondrogenic pre-culture) failed to elicit any changes in mechanical properties.

Although enhanced transport of nutrients or TGF- β is one possible mechanism, MSC responsivity to mechanical stimulus may also be an important factor. To assess MSC response on the molecular level, we carried out microarray analysis of loaded and free-swelling constructs and saw marked overlap in chondrogenic gene expression, indicating successful induction and stability of the chondrogenic phenotype. Consistent with these findings, all constructs stained strongly for collagen type II and weakly for collagen type I. As bulk GAG and collagen contents were not affected by loading (despite increases in mechanical properties), minor elements involved in matrix remodeling and refinement may be of consequence. Though preliminary, microarray analysis indicated modulation of several genes from the MMP/TIMP family, as well as specialized cross-linking molecules.

Additional analyses will be necessary to validate these findings and determine the potential role of these genes under dynamic compression. Although measurement of gene expression is not necessarily a reliable predictor of functional chondrogenesis (i.e. Study 1), evidence for matrix remodeling was found by histology and FT-IRIS. These analyses showed improved matrix distribution after 3 weeks of repeated loading. Histological stains showed better pericellular distribution of collagen and FT-IRIS showed enhanced macroscopic distribution of proteoglycans and collagens throughout the construct expanse. This is consistent with previous studies of chondrocyte-based constructs showing improved collagen organization (assessed by polarized light microscopy) with dynamic compressive loading (Kelly et al. 2006).

To our knowledge, this is the first study to demonstrate improved mechanical properties of MSC-based engineered cartilage through the long-term application of dynamic compressive loading. While the mechanism underlying these increased properties is not yet established, we show that improved matrix distribution, suggestive of matrix remodeling and refinement occur with dynamic compression. Although we achieved a ~65% improvement in mechanical properties over 3 weeks of loading, these values remain lower than native cartilage. Future studies will optimize these parameters over longer culture durations to further explicate load-induced increases in mechanical properties. We will also evaluate MMP activity and the expression and distribution of minor elements indicated from microarray analysis, as well as assess proteoglycan size and collagen crosslinking with dynamic loading. The use of other biomaterials, including materials that mimic the native ECM or materials that include hydrolytic or MMP-cleavable components

to allow better matrix distribution, may also aid matrix remodeling and further enhance functional outcomes (Lutolf et al. 2003; Park et al. 2004; Chung et al. 2009; Erickson et al. 2009). The combination of these tunable materials with our optimized loading regime will generate clinically-relevant, mechanically robust MSC-based constructs for articular cartilage repair.

CHAPTER 5: EVALUATION OF THE COMPLEX MOLECULAR TOPOGRAPHY OF MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL CHONDROGENESIS FOR CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING

5.1 Introduction

If MSC-based solutions for cartilage degeneration are to be successful, certain critical considerations must be evaluated. Because cartilage exists in a harsh load-bearing environment, engineered MSC-based neo-cartilage must replicate key functional (i.e., mechanical) features of the native tissue (Chapter 2). Toward that end, MSCs have been cultured in a number of 3-dimensional (3D) hydrogels (Huang et al. 2010). These materials support chondrogenesis and the deposition of an increasingly stiff matrix when cultured in the presence of TGF- β superfamily members (Kavalkovich et al. 2002; Buxton et al. 2007; Kisiday et al. 2008; Chung et al. 2009; Erickson et al. 2009; Erickson et al. 2009). While this chondrogenic potential in 3D culture is encouraging, comparisons to differentiated chondrocytes cultured identically consistently show that MSC-based constructs do not achieve the same functional properties (Mauck et al. 2006; Huang et al. 2009). Standard means of enhancing functional growth in chondrocyte-based constructs, such as increasing cell-seeding density or the application of long-term dynamic compressive loading protocols, as described in Chapters 3 and 4, have thus far not improved the compressive properties of MSC-based constructs to native levels (Thorpe et al. 2008; Huang et al. 2009).

These findings underscore the inherent differences between chondrocytes and chondrogenically induced MSCs, and suggest the need for a more complete evaluation of chondrogenesis in relation to differentiated cells, and how this phenotypic transition relates to mechanical function. To date, most work in the field has focused on whether or not chondrogenesis has occurred (defined by the expression of a few key cartilaginous genes and the deposition of proteoglycans and collagen type II), and on identifying genes associated with this differentiation process. For example, several studies have characterized the temporal profiles of known chondrogenic markers during MSC chondrogenesis, at both the molecular and tissue levels (Barry et al. 2001; Sekiya et al. 2002; Xu et al. 2008). Other recent microarray studies identified new candidate markers by comparing undifferentiated MSCs and cartilage (Boeuf et al. 2007), while still others have employed microarray analysis to evaluate differentiation and subsequent dedifferentiation of MSCs to identify ‘differentiation’ and ‘stemness’ genes through multiple lineage progression (Song et al. 2006).

Collectively, these studies provide important information on the molecular events underlying MSC chondrogenesis, and have identified key factors in this process. However, most have taken a “yes/no” approach in defining chondrogenesis and have not assessed the differences in functional capacity between chondrogenically differentiated MSCs and fully differentiated chondrocytes in a 3D, tissue engineering context. The current standard of reference for chondrogenic induction of MSCs is often an undifferentiated MSC or a healthy or osteoarthritic chondrocyte. To our knowledge, there exists no study comparing the molecular fingerprints of donor-matched healthy

MSCs and chondrocytes maintained under identical culture conditions *in vitro* in 3D culture. As it is under these conditions that we observe robust growth of chondrocyte-based constructs (Lima et al. 2007; Byers et al. 2008) and functional limitations in MSC chondrogenesis (Mauck et al. 2006), it is under these conditions that we must identify the underlying molecular differences that define these functional disparities.

To address this issue, the current study was undertaken to identify markers of functional MSC chondrogenesis. A genome-wide screen using bovine microarrays was carried out using healthy donor-matched cells (chondrocytes and MSCs) seeded in 3D culture. Three donors were evaluated after long-term culture under identical, pro-chondrogenic conditions, and the molecular profiles of undifferentiated MSCs, chondrogenically differentiated MSCs and chondrocytes were evaluated. Through this process, we defined a novel set of factors that were differentially regulated between these groups and showed that these differences in expression existed in both the absolute and temporal sense. This study provides critical new insight into the complexity of chondrogenesis on a molecular level, and provides new targets for enhancing their functional maturation and clinical potential.

5.2 Materials and Methods

5.2.1 Construct Fabrication and Long-Term 3D Culture

Donor-matched chondrocytes and MSCs were isolated as described in Section 3.2.1 from three juvenile calves. Cell-seeded constructs (20 million cells/mL, Ø4 x 2.25 mm) were formed as in Section 3.2.2, with each donor kept separate. Constructs were cultured for 56

days in 1 mL/disk of chemically defined media (CM, Section 3.2.2) supplemented with 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3 (CM+, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). At biweekly intervals, constructs were evaluated for mechanical properties and biochemical content as in Sections 3.2.4 and 3.2.5. Gene expression of day 0 and day 28 MSC-seeded constructs as well as day 28 chondrocyte-seeded constructs were evaluated using microarrays (described below) and real-time PCR (as in Section 3.2.6). In subsequent studies assessing gene expression over long-term culture, MSC- and chondrocyte-seeded constructs were fabricated as above with cells from three donors combined. Cell-seeded constructs were cultured in CM+ for 56 days. Gene expression was evaluated biweekly, and mechanical properties were assessed at day 56.

5.2.2 Microarray: Target Preparation and Hybridization

Total RNA was extracted and quantified as described in Section 3.2.6. Microarray services were provided by the Penn Microarray Facility, including quality control tests of total RNA by Agilent Bioanalyzer and Nanodrop spectrophotometry. All protocols were conducted as described in the NuGEN Ovation manual and the Affymetrix GeneChip Expression Analysis Technical Manual. Briefly, 100 ng of total RNA was converted to first-strand cDNA using reverse transcriptase primed by a poly(T) oligomer that incorporated a synthetic RNA sequence. Second-strand cDNA synthesis was followed by ribo-SPIA (Single Primer Isothermal Amplification, NuGEN Technologies Inc. San Carlo, CA) for linear amplification of each transcript, and the resulting cDNA was fragmented, assessed by Bioanalyzer, and biotinylated. cDNA yields ranged from 5-10 μ g, and 5 μ g were added to Affymetrix hybridization cocktails, heated at 99°C for 2 min

and hybridized for 16 h at 45°C to 9 Bovine GeneChips (Affymetrix Inc., Santa Clara, CA). Microarrays were washed at low (6X SSPE) and high (100mM MES, 0.1M NaCl) stringency and stained with streptavidin-phycoerythrin. Fluorescence was amplified by adding biotinylated anti-streptavidin and an additional aliquot of streptavidin-phycoerythrin stain. Fluorescence signals were collected after excitation at 570 nm by the Affymetrix Gene Chip Scanner 3000 (Affymetrix Inc.).

5.2.3 Microarray Data Analysis

Output (.cel) files from scanning were processed (Partek, St. Louis, MO) and gene expression was assessed after normalization with the RMA algorithm. Principal component analysis was carried out to determine global variation. To determine statistical significance, a two-way mixed model ANOVA was applied with donor and cell type as the independent variables. Three pairwise contrasts were evaluated to assess fold-changes in gene expression levels. Changes in expression were assessed between donor-matched undifferentiated MSCs (day 0) and differentiated MSCs (day 28), undifferentiated MSCs (day 0) and chondrocytes (day 28), as well as differentiated MSCs (day 28) and chondrocytes (day 28). P-values were generated for donor, cell type and each pairwise contrast. To determine false discovery rates, the Benjamini Hochberg method was applied to the generated p-values and step-up p-values were calculated. Genes that were considered under-expressed during chondrogenesis were defined as those that were at least 2-fold greater in chondrocytes compared to both day 0 and day 28 MSCs and no more than 2 fold less or 3 fold greater in day 28 MSCs compared to day 0 MSCs. Genes that were considered over-expressed were defined as genes that were at

least 2-fold greater in both day 0 and day 28 MSCs compared to chondrocytes, and no more than 2-fold greater in day 28 MSCs compared to day 0 MSCs. Genes of interest were identified using a false discovery rate (FDR) of 10% (Spotfire software; Tibco, Somerville, MA). Expression was verified by real-time PCR for the genes listed in **Figure 5-6C**. The primer sequences used are listed in **Table 5-1** below. All microarray data discussed in this manuscript have been deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus and are accessible through GEO Series accession number GSE18394 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE18394>).

Table 5-1: Primer sequences of genes identified from microarray screening.

Gene	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
Dkkopf-1	GCTCCAGGAATTCCGTTTGA	GATACGGCTGGTGGTTGTCA
Periostin	CCTGATTCTGCCAAACAAGTTATTG	GGGCCACAAGGTCTGTGAA
CXCL14	CAGAGCACCAAGCGGTTCA	TAGACCCTGCGTTCTCGTT
HOX4A	TGGAGGATCGCATCTTAGTGTGGG	GCAGGTCTTGAGCTGGAGAAAGAG
Calpain 6	GCTCAGGGAGCTGACTATGGA	GTAGCCACGAGCCAGATTCC
Caspase 4	CGACTCATCACATGCTTCCAA	TTTTCAAATGATTGTTGTACCTTCCT
ID1	TCCAGCACGTCATCGACTACA	ACGTGGGATTCCGAGTTGAG
Chondromodulin	GGGAGCGACAATCACATTTACA	CATTGACCCATCTTGCAACTTC
SOSTDC1	GTTCAAGTAGGCTGCCGAGAA	GCACTGGCCGTCTGAGATG
Leiomodin 1	TGCTCAGCTTCTGTGAAAAGGA	CCTTTTTTCGCATCTGTCTTGGT
THBS4	CGTGATCTCCACCTTCAAGCT	GAAGAGTAAAGGCCGAAGATGGT
MAGEL2	GCAGCTGCCCCACAAGTG	GCTCAGCCGAGGTCTTTGAG
Fas	CCTCCTGGCAAACGGAAA	GCAGAGCACACATTCTGGTGTATC
Meis homeobox 2	TCTATGGGCACCCGTTGTTT	TCGCCAGCTCGCACTTCT
EVA1	GACGTTGATGGGCTGATTGG	ATGGCCAGAGCCAGGAAGT
RGDCAP	TGGCCCCCATGAATTCTGT	TTTGTCCGGGCATTAATCG
PRG4	GCAACGGTAGGCCAGTAGATG	AATGACCTCGAAATGCAACTAATG
Protocadherin 10	GCCAGTCAGCTGGTATGGATCT	ACCGATCTGAGTGGCCAAGT

5.2.4 Histology and Immunohistochemistry

Paraffin sections (8 μ m) were deparaffinized, rehydrated and stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E, Sigma, St. Louis, MO), Alcian Blue (pH 1.0), or Picrosirius Red for cell distribution, sulfated proteoglycans and collagens, respectively. For immunohistochemical

analysis, antigen retrieval was performed by incubating sections in citrate buffer (10 mM citric acid with 0.05% Tween 20 at pH 6.0) heated to 99°C for 25 minutes, cooling for 20 minutes (25°C), and incubating in hyaluronidase (Huang et al. 2008). Collagen type I (MAB3391, Millipore, Billerica, MA), collagen type II (11-116B3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA), proteoglycan 4 (PRG4, ab28484, Abcam, Cambridge, MA) and transforming-growth-factor-beta induced 68 kDa protein (TGFBI, ab66957, Abcam) primary antibodies were used to identify matrix components. Primary and secondary antibody hybridization and subsequent visualization with DAB chromogen was carried out as in Section 3.2.8. Color images were captured at 10X magnification as previously described (Section 3.2.7).

5.2.5 Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed on mechanical and biochemical data using three way ANOVA with time, cell type and donor as independent variables. Where significance was indicated, Tukey's posthoc tests were carried out. For all measures, significance was determined at $p < 0.05$. All values are reported as mean \pm standard deviation.

5.3 Results

5.3.1 Mechanical Properties

Three donor-matched sets of chondrocytes and MSCs were encapsulated in agarose and cultured in defined media containing TGF- β 3 for 56 days. Consistent with previous studies, the compressive properties of cell-seeded constructs improved with time in culture. For all donors, the equilibrium modulus of chondrocyte-seeded constructs increased

through day 42 while MSC-seeded constructs did not improve after day 28 ($p=1.0$, **Figure 5-1A**). Chondrocyte-seeded constructs attained equilibrium moduli of 180-240 kPa while MSC-seeded constructs reached moduli of 75-114 kPa. In all constructs, the dynamic modulus continued to develop beyond day 28, regardless of cell type (**Figure 5-1B**). Both equilibrium and dynamic properties were significantly lower for all MSC groups compared to chondrocytes at the final time point, with the exception of donor 3 dynamic properties.

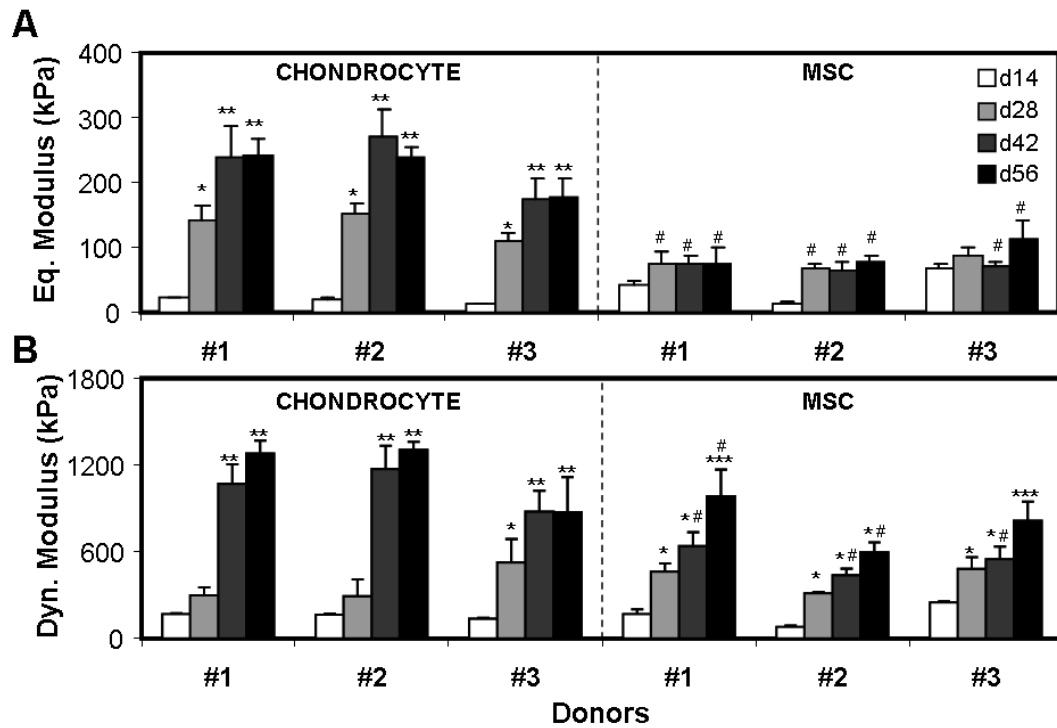


Figure 5-1: Time-dependent compressive (A) equilibrium and (B) dynamic modulus (kPa) of chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs with culture in a chemically defined medium supplemented with 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3. * indicates greater than d14 within donors and cell type ($p<0.001$); ** indicates greater than d28 within donors and cell type ($p<0.02$); * indicates greater than d28 within donors and cell type ($p<0.05$); # lower compared to donor-matched chondrocytes at the same timepoint ($p<0.01$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of four samples per group per time point.**

5.3.2 Biochemical Content and Chondrogenic Gene Expression

Consistent with mechanical data, the biochemical content for chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs increased with time, with chondrocyte-seeded constructs increasing more rapidly and achieving significantly higher levels by day 42. DNA content was comparable between groups (**Figure 5-2A**). While GAG and collagen content improved for both chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs, MSC-seeded groups failed to attain the levels achieved by their donor-matched chondrocyte constructs (**Figure 5-2B, C**). Histological analysis showed uniform GAG and collagen distribution throughout each construct (**Figure 5-3**). At the final time point, all constructs stained strongly for collagen type II and weakly for collagen type I, regardless of cell type or donor (**Figure 5-2D**).

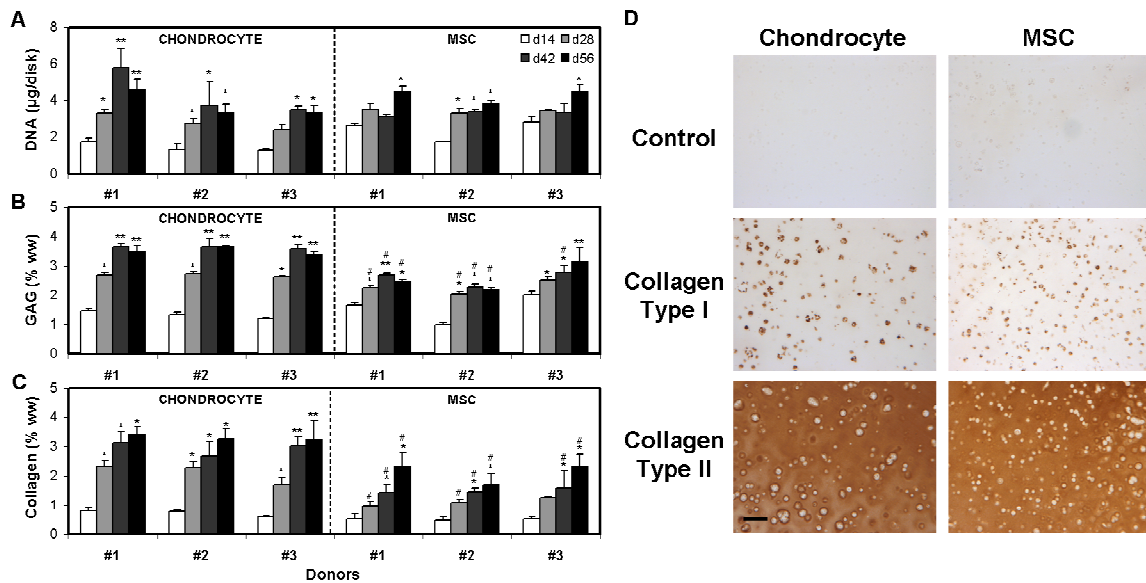


Figure 5-2: Biochemical composition of constructs with variation in time in culture, donor and cell type. (A) DNA content (μg/disk), (B) GAG (% ww) and (C) collagen content (% ww) of chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs. (D) Immunohistochemical analysis of collagen types I and II distribution in cell-seeded constructs for a single donor. * indicates greater than d14 within donors and cell type ($p < 0.015$); ** indicates greater than d28 within donors and cell type ($p < 0.025$); # lower compared to donor-matched chondrocytes at the same timepoint ($p < 0.04$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of four samples per group per time point. Scale Bar: 100 μm.

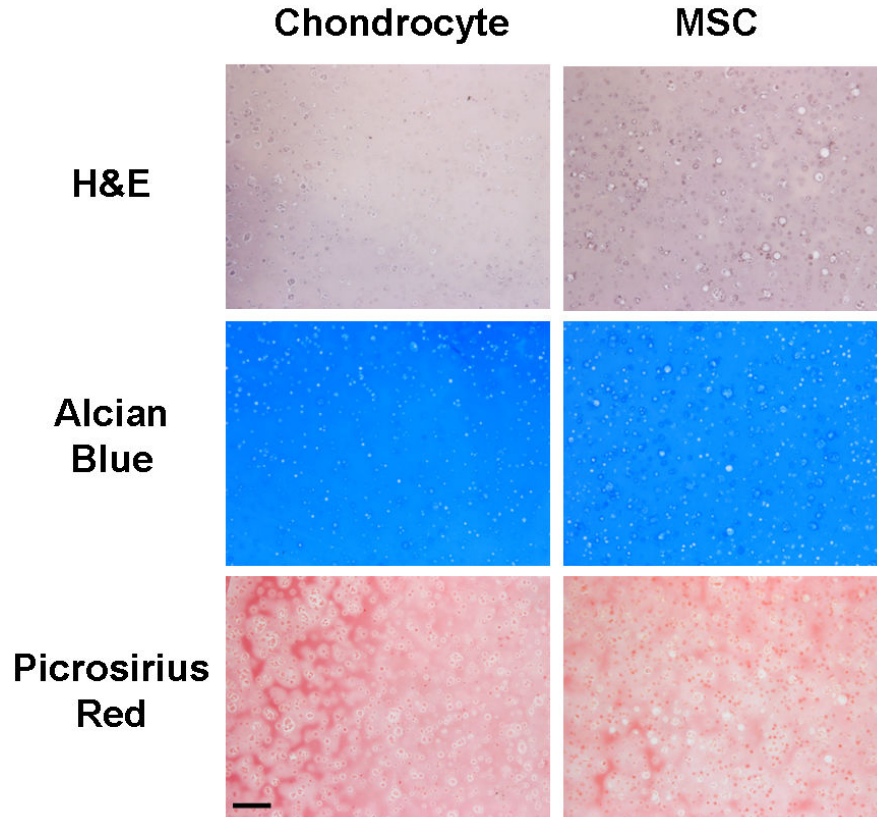


Figure 5-3: Histological staining for chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs after 56 days of culture in the presence of TGF- β 3. Constructs were stained with H&E, Alcian Blue and Picrosirius Red for cellularity, proteoglycans and collagens, respectively. Scale Bar: 100 μ m.

Expression of cartilage-specific ECM structural components (aggrecan, Type II, IX and XI collagen) at day 28 showed higher expression in differentiated MSC-seeded constructs compared to chondrocyte-seeded constructs for each donor (**Figure 5-4**). These genes were expressed at negligible levels in undifferentiated MSCs (data not shown).

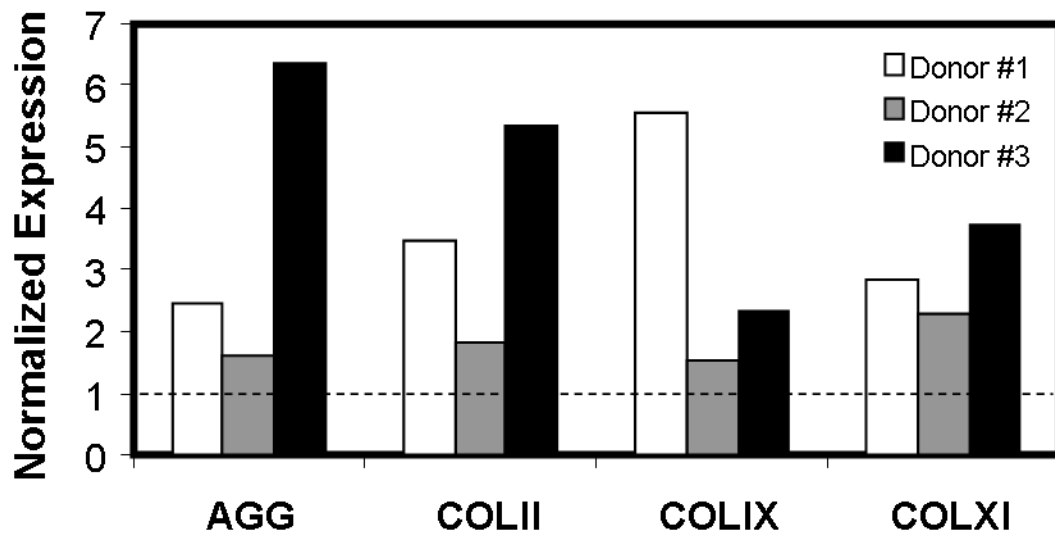


Figure 5-4: Expression of cartilage ECM genes in MSC-seeded constructs normalized to chondrocytes-seeded constructs after 28 days of culture in TGF- β 3 containing medium. For all three donors, aggrecan, types II, IX and XI collagen expression levels were higher in MSC-seeded constructs.

5.3.3 Microarray Screening

Microarray screening was then carried out to identify additional genes that are mis-expressed during MSC chondrogenesis. In this screen, day 0 MSCs (M0, undifferentiated MSCs), day 28 MSCs (M28, chondrogenically differentiated MSCs) and day 28 chondrocytes (C28) in 3D culture were processed for three donors. Samples were chosen for analysis at day 28 as this marks the point where the mechanical properties of chondrocyte- and MSC-based constructs began to diverge significantly (**Figure 5-1**), with MSC-based construct properties plateauing after this point. Principal component analysis (PCA) of the microarray data indicated that while chondrogenically differentiated MSCs and chondrocytes were more similar to one another compared to undifferentiated MSCs (PC1), significant differences persisted between these two groups (PC2, **Figure 5-5A**).

Heat map visualization further confirmed this observation, with higher and lower levels of expression for individual genes depicted in red and green, respectively (**Figure 5-5B**).

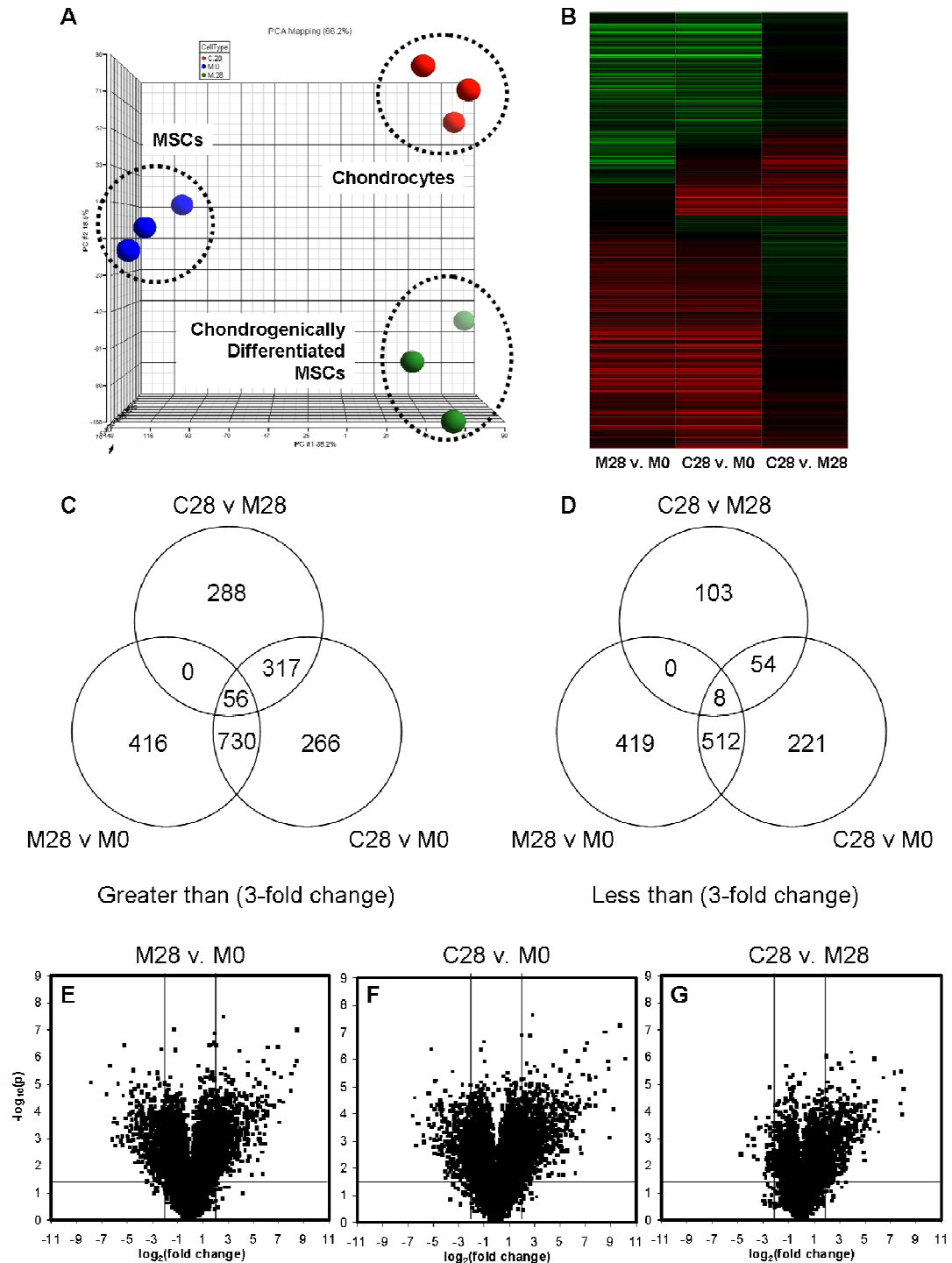


Figure 5-5: (A) Principal component analysis and (B) heat map generated from microarray data showing differential gene expression (green = greater, red = lower) between undifferentiated MSCs at day 0 (M0), chondrogenically differentiated MSC-seeded constructs at day 28 (M28) and chondrocyte-seeded constructs at day 28 (C28). (C-D) Venn diagrams and (E-G) volcano plots for M0, M28 and C28 indicates number of genes and dispersion of genes that were differentially regulated with chondrogenic induction in 3D culture.

With chondrogenic induction, 1202 genes were upregulated in M28 compared to M0 (**Figure 5-5C**). Of these genes, 730 genes were comparably expressed by M28 relative to C28 while 56 genes failed to attain C28 expression levels. Of the 730 genes induced, several were known cartilage markers, including COMP and SERPINA1 (>300 fold relative to M0), chondroadherin (>200 fold relative to M0), collagen type XI (>100 fold relative to M0), collagen types II and IX and aggrecan 1 (>40 fold relative to M0). Microarray analysis also revealed 317 genes that were not changed during MSC chondrogenesis at day 28. Although these 317 genes were expressed by chondrocytes, they remained not expressed or poorly expressed (less than 3-fold change) by MSCs compared to chondrocytes, regardless of MSC differentiation status. A similar analysis of genes suppressed during chondrogenesis identified 939 genes that were lower in M28 compared to M0 (**Figure 5-5D**). Within this group, 512 genes were similar between M28 and C28 while only 8 genes were highly expressed in M0, moderately expressed in M28 and poorly expressed in C28. There were 54 genes that were over-expressed in both M0 and M28 and the expression of these genes at day 28 was not affected by chondrogenesis.

These observations were visually confirmed by volcano plots summarizing fold-changes in gene expression and statistical criteria (**Figure 5-5E-G**). Most notably, the C28 to M28 comparison indicated that the most significant differences were those of higher expression in the C28 group. Using specific criteria (greater than 2 fold change) and a false discovery rate (FDR) of 10%, 252 genes and 72 genes were identified as potentially under-expressed or over-expressed during MSC chondrogenesis, respectively (**Appendix 2**). A subset of these genes was selected for further analysis and real-time PCR was used to validate the

results for 18 of these genes. Of these genes, 14 were poorly expressed in day 0 and day 28 MSC-seeded constructs relative to chondrocyte-seeded constructs while 4 genes remained highly expressed in the MSC populations even after chondrogenesis but were absent or very low in chondrocytes (**Figure 5-6C**). Representative results for PRG4 and Fas demonstrate the patterns of this transcriptional mis-regulation during MSC chondrogenesis (**Figure 5-6A, B**).

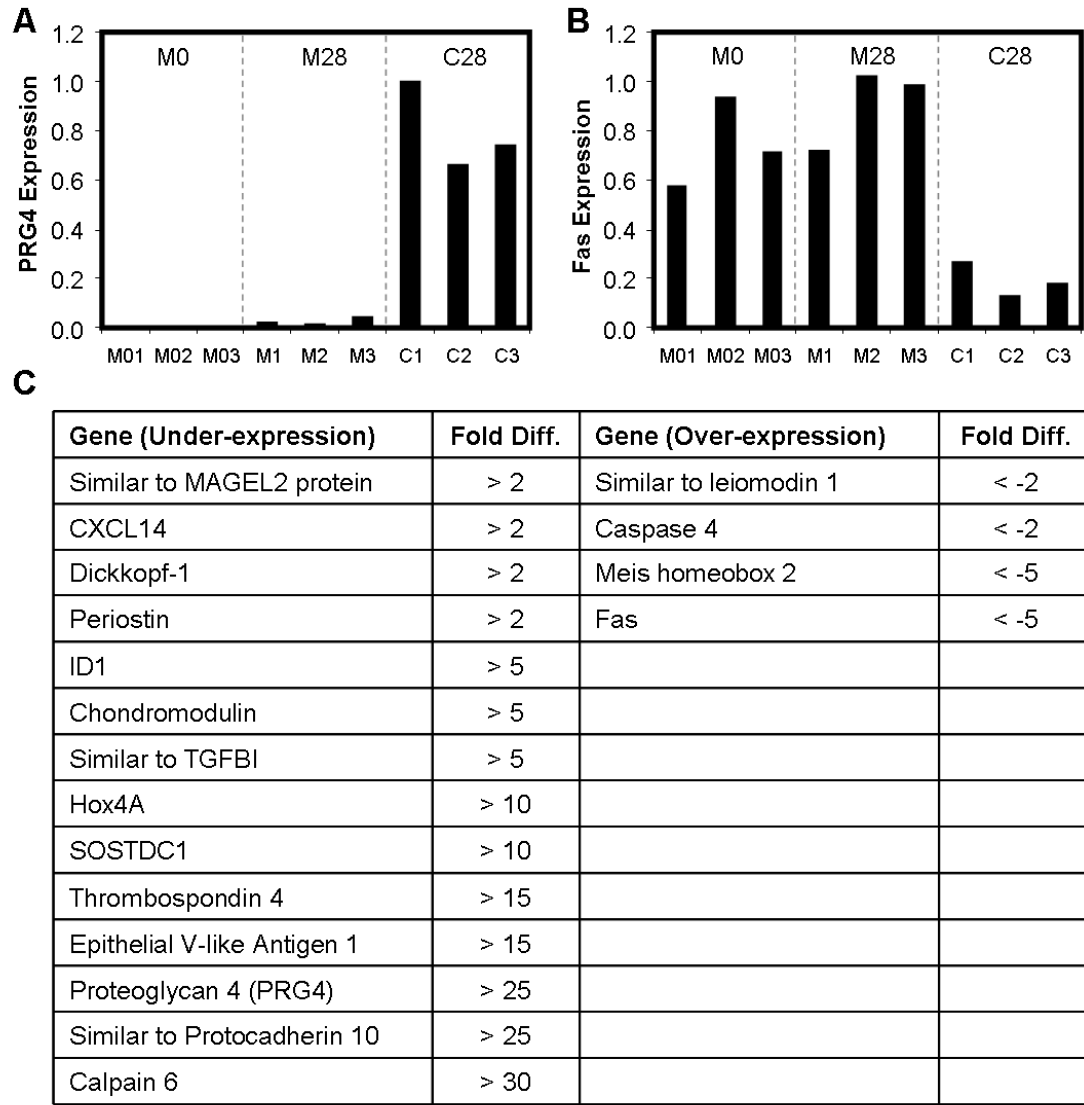


Figure 5-6: Gene expression of (A) PRG4 and (B) Fas, illustrating genes that were under- or over-expressed in MSC-seeded constructs relative to chondrocyte-seeded constructs. (C) Genes confirmed by real-time PCR to be differentially expressed with fold difference indicated for C28 compared to M0 and M28.

5.3.4 Gene Expression Profiles

One limitation in this previous analysis was that only a single time point was analyzed (day 28). To assess the temporal profiles of identified genes, chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs were maintained in chondrogenic media for 56 days and the expression levels of the previously identified genes (**Figure 5-6**) were evaluated biweekly. Distinct patterns of

expression emerged from this analysis, as demonstrated by representative graphs of PRG4, TGFBI, chondromodulin and dickkopf-1. While chondromodulin and dickkopf-1 expression remained markedly under-expressed in MSC-seeded constructs compared to chondrocyte-seeded constructs at every time point assayed (**Figure 5-7C, D**), delayed expression of PRG4 and TGFBI was observed in MSC-seeded constructs, with increasing levels of expression at later time points (**Figure 5-7A, B**). PRG4 expression in MSC-seeded constructs was highest at day 42 (compared to day 28 for chondrocyte-seeded constructs), although the peak expression level in MSC-seeded constructs remained lower than the peak level in chondrocyte-seeded constructs for the time points evaluated. Conversely, TGFBI expression increased continually in MSC-seeded constructs at day 56. It is unknown whether the expression level of this gene would continue to increase past day 56 and reach eventual parity with peak chondrocyte-seeded construct levels (day 28). Temporal expression profiles of Fas and caspase 4 showed that expression of these genes in MSC-seeded constructs remained consistently higher than chondrocyte-seeded constructs throughout the culture duration (**Figure 5-7E, F**).

To evaluate whether these differences in gene expression were translated to matrix formation, two molecules, PRG4 and TGFBI, were selected for further analysis. For all donors, chondrocyte-seeded constructs on day 56 stained intensely for both PRG4 and TGFBI, although deposition was localized to the center of the constructs. In contrast, extracellular deposition of PRG4 and TGFBI was not observed for any of the MSC-seeded constructs (**Figure 5-7G**). Consistent with previous reports (Schumacher et al. 1999), PRG4 immunostaining was discernible in superficial regions of articular cartilage section

taken from juvenile bovine carpal joints, with little to no staining in the middle or deep zones (not shown).

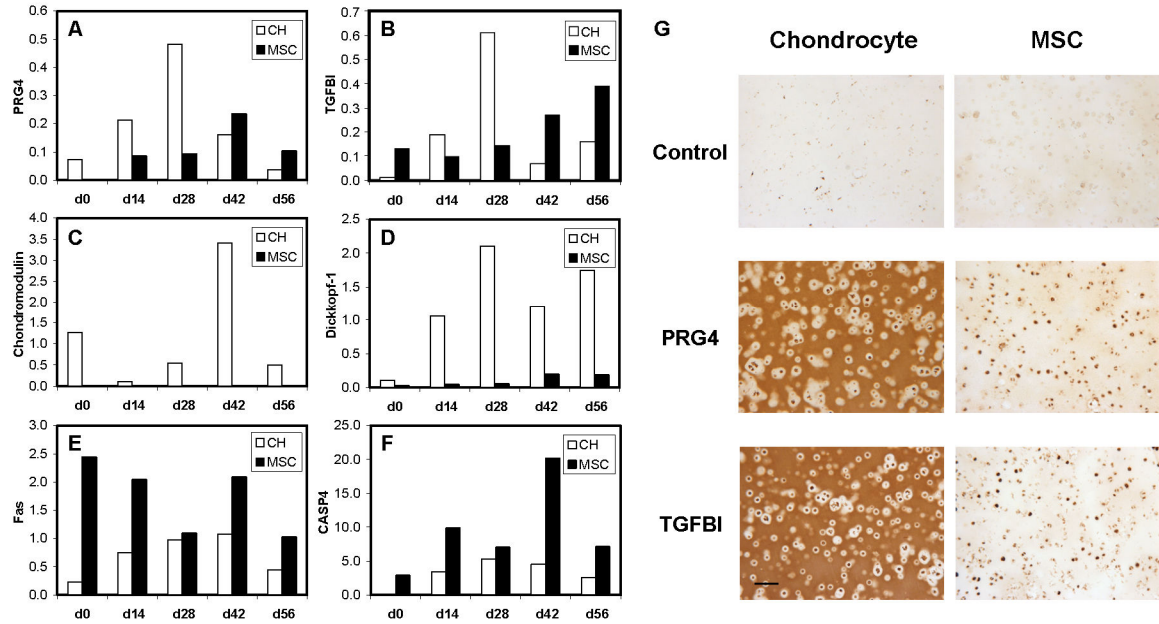


Figure 5-7: Expression profiles of (A) PRG4, (B) TGFBI, (C) chondromodulin, (D) DKK1, (E) Fas and (F) CASP4 show different temporal patterns for chondrogenically induced MSC-seeded constructs compared to chondrocyte-seeded constructs cultured identically for 56 days. (G) Immunohistochemical detection of PRG4 and TGFBI for day 56 cell-seeded constructs show robust staining in chondrocyte-seeded constructs and weak staining in MSC-seeded constructs. Scale Bar: 100 μ m.

5.4 Discussion

The ability of bone marrow derived MSCs to undergo chondrogenesis and accumulate functional matrix has provided impetus for their use in cartilage tissue engineering. While promising, the extent of MSC conversion toward the chondrogenic phenotype remains in question; these concerns are sparked in part, by the limited functional capacity of MSCs in 3D hydrogel culture (Mauck et al. 2006; Huang et al. 2009). To better understand the basis of this limitation and develop new benchmarks for chondrogenesis, we characterized the molecular profiles of chondrogenically induced MSCs. In particular, we focused on the molecular differences distinguishing differentiated MSCs

from donor-matched articular chondrocytes, as identification of these deficits may lead to potential targets for therapeutic intervention.

Consistent with previous findings, after long-term culture in pro-chondrogenic conditions, the compressive properties and biochemical content of MSC-laden constructs fell short of those attained by chondrocytes for all three donors. Standard cartilage markers, such as aggrecan and collagen types II, IX and XI, were consistently upregulated during MSC chondrogenesis and expression was maintained at high levels at day 28. Surprisingly, MSCs expressed higher levels of these genes compared to donor-matched chondrocytes at this timepoint, suggesting that the observed discrepancy in functional properties was not due to expression deficits of these standard matrix molecules. Collagen type II immunostaining further confirmed this observation, as chondrocyte- and MSC-laden constructs stained with equal intensity for this important ECM protein. These findings suggest that while standard markers are expressed, they are insufficient predictors of mechanical functionality of chondrogenically induced MSC populations in 3D culture.

To elucidate the topography of chondro-induction, we carried out a genome-wide screen via microarray analysis and identified 324 genes that were transcriptionally misregulated over the course of chondrogenesis. These genes were either 2-fold higher or lower in undifferentiated and chondrogenically differentiated MSC-seeded constructs relative to chondrocyte-seeded constructs at day 28. Of these genes, a subset of 18 genes was confirmed by real time PCR and their temporal expression profiles assessed over 56 days.

This time course was chosen because construct properties typically equilibrate by this time. While some genes such as chondromodulin and Dkkopf-1 were never expressed by MSCs undergoing chondrogenesis, others including PRG4 and TGFBI showed delayed patterns of expression. Immunostaining at the terminal timepoint showed robust deposition of PRG4 and TGFBI in chondrocyte-seeded constructs and no staining in MSC-seeded constructs for all three donors. This is consistent with the findings of Gleghorn et al, who demonstrated that PRG4 was retained in chondrocyte-seeded, but not MSC-seeded alginate (Gleghorn et al. 2007). Interestingly, that study also found greater PRG4 secretion into the media by MSCs compared to chondrocytes. The lack of synthesis or retention of these minor molecules may play a critical role in functional outcomes, particularly if their role is to nucleate ECM formation or regulate ECM organization.

In addition, these molecules may also be indicative of the state of phenotypic conversion. For example, TGFBI, a type II collagen binding protein (Hashimoto et al. 1997), inhibits mineralization and maintains the chondrocytic phenotype in hypertrophic chondrocytes (Ohno et al. 2002). Furthermore, expression of this gene is highest in the pre-hypertrophic stage of developing cartilage (Ohno et al. 2002). Poor expression of TGFBI in MSCs may thus reflect incomplete or incorrect induction toward the chondrogenic phenotype. Indeed, recent data suggest that the phenotype achieved by differentiated MSCs may be more akin to that of ‘transient’ rather than ‘permanent’ chondrocytes. During development, ‘transient’ chondrocytes undergo hypertrophy and eventual ossification while ‘permanent’ chondrocytes maintain a fixed chondrogenic

phenotype (Pacifci et al. 2000). Microarray analysis of mouse articular cartilage and growth plate cartilage showed considerable differences in gene expression between these chondrocyte populations, though standard cartilage markers, including aggrecan, were expressed by both (Yamane et al. 2007). Notably, collagens types II, IX and XI were expressed at higher levels in the ‘transient’ chondrocytes compared to the ‘permanent’ articular chondrocytes, paralleling the findings of the current study with differentiated MSCs and articular chondrocytes. Other data also suggest that the chondrogenic commitment of induced MSCs may be flexible in vivo (Pelttari et al. 2006; Jukes et al. 2008). Implantation of chondrogenically differentiated MSCs resulted in extensive mineralization of the cartilage matrix, mirroring ‘transient’ chondrocyte phenotypic transitions. In contrast, articular chondrocytes showed no signs of phenotypic instability in vivo, further delineating the differences between fully committed articular chondrocytes and chondrogenically differentiated MSCs.

In this study, we identified a subset of genes that is mis-expressed during MSC chondrogenesis. While important, these missing elements of MSC chondrogenesis may not represent the molecular limitations of chondrogenesis in its entirety, as all of the genes described here were identified from analysis of a single timepoint, day 28. From temporal expression profiles, it is apparent that even within this subset of genes, patterns of expression vary dramatically. Microarray analyses of early and later stage chondrogenesis will be necessary to capture the complete topography of molecular dysfunction and may well identify additional targets for consideration. In addition, it is as yet unclear what role these genes play with respect to the mechanical maturation of MSC-based constructs; future knockdown studies will be required to establish functional

correlations between gene expression and construct mechanical properties. Once correlation is established, the manipulation of the expression of these genes may enhance the functional capacity of MSCs for cartilage repair.

Taken together, our studies establish a better understanding of the complex molecular topography of MSC chondrogenesis and in particular, our limitation in the creation of mechanically functional constructs based on this cell source. Having now established new molecular benchmarks of chondrogenesis, these features can be applied to gauge the efficacy of a given culture environment or media supplement. For example, we have recently probed small molecule libraries for novel biochemical mediators of chondrogenesis using high-throughput screening (Huang et al. 2008); these new markers may prove useful in such optimizations. Alternatively, these same markers may be helpful in the tuning of interactions between MSCs and their biomaterial microenvironment (Connelly et al. 2008; Erickson et al. 2009) as well as the timing and magnitude of mechanical perturbation (Mouw et al. 2007; Thorpe et al. 2008; Huang et al. 2010). For example, as a subset of the identified genes are sensitive to mechanical stimulation (**Figure 5-8**), the modulation of their expression in response to loading can be used to optimize loading parameters for chondrogenesis. Benchmarking all such efforts against molecular profiles that generate functional neo-cartilage constructs will improve MSC-based cartilage tissue engineering and lead to a mechanically competent, phenotypically stable, cartilage replacement.

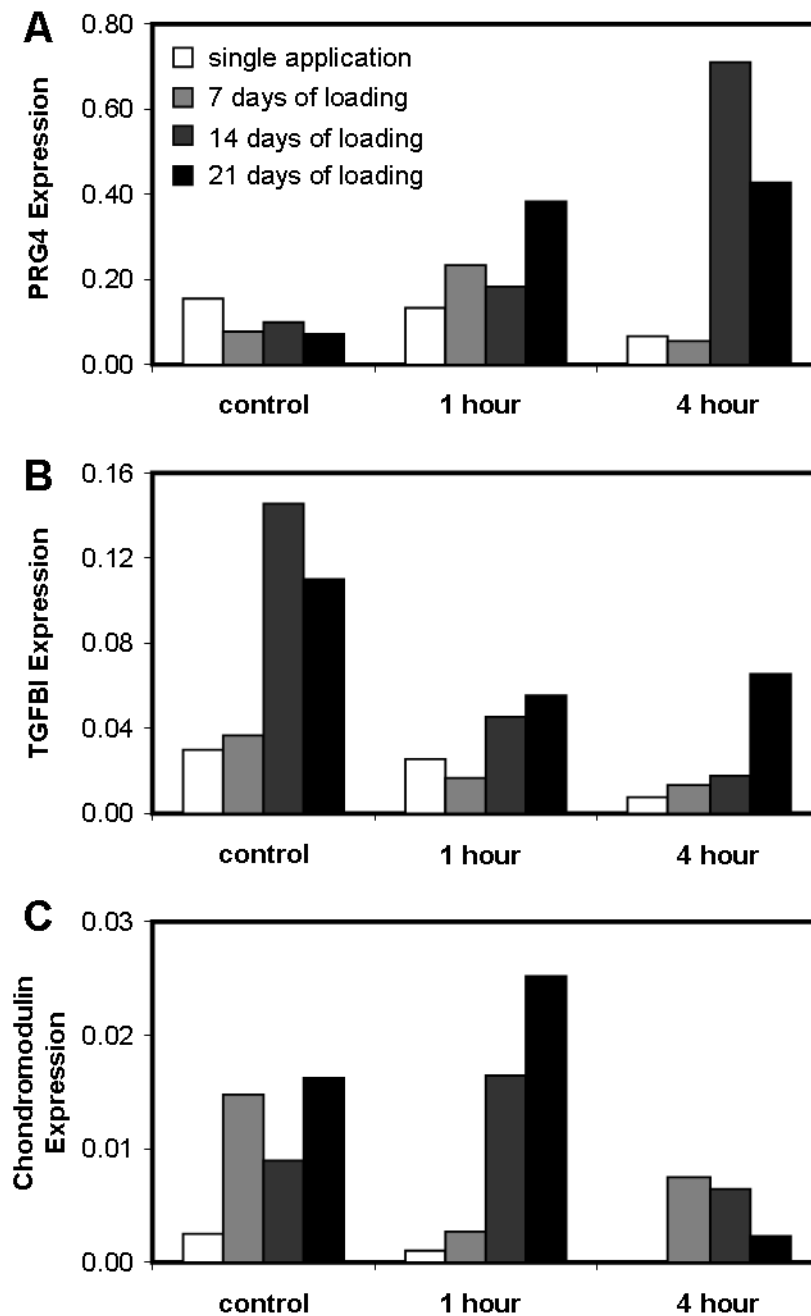


Figure 5-8: Repeated dynamic compressive loading of MSC-seeded constructs over 21 days modulated the expression of (A) PRG4, (B) TGFB1 and (C) chondromodulin. Loading was applied at 10% strain and 1 Hz, 1 or 4 hours per day over a period of 3 weeks in CM+ media. At day 21, PRG4 expression was upregulated with loading while TGFB1 was downregulated, regardless of loading duration. In contrast, chondromodulin expression was upregulated when loaded for 1 hour but downregulated after 4 hours.

CHAPTER 6: TENSILE PROPERTIES OF ENGINEERED CARTILAGE FORMED FROM CHONDROCYTE- AND MSC-LADEN HYDROGELS

6.1 Introduction

Work up to this point have focused on improving the functional properties of MSC-based constructs and in particular, the compressive properties. Regardless of cell source, cartilage constructs are routinely evaluated after *in vitro* or *in vivo* culture for ECM content, gene expression, and histological appearance. When used as an outcome parameter, mechanical properties of constructs have primarily been assessed in compression (confined and unconfined). Several studies have shown that the compressive properties of the chondrocyte-seeded constructs improve with increasing culture duration and cell seeding density (Puelacher et al. 1994; Chang et al. 2001; Mauck et al. 2002) as well as with the inclusion of anabolic growth factors and/or increased serum supplementation (Gooch et al. 2001; Pei et al. 2002; Mauck et al. 2003). With long-term culture using specialized media and/or bioreactor culture, equilibrium properties have matched that of the native tissue (Freed et al. 1997; Byers et al. 2008). For example, we have recently shown that a defined serum free media supplemented with TGF- β 3 markedly improved the compressive properties of chondrocyte-seeded agarose compared to those maintained in the absence of TGF- β 3 or in serum containing medium (Mauck et al. 2006). However, in that same study, MSCs produced inferior properties compared to age and donor-matched chondrocytes. Strategies effective in improving chondrocyte-seeded construct properties (such as increasing seeding density) have not proven effective in improving MSC-seeded construct properties to chondrocyte levels (Chapter 3).

In addition to these oft measured compressive properties, the tensile properties of cartilage play a significant role in its mechanical function. It has long been noted that cartilage tensile properties are higher than compressive properties (Chahine et al. 2004). Kempson reported that the ramp tensile modulus of human superficial zone femoral head cartilage ranges from 75-150 MPa (Kempson 1991). For superficial bovine samples, equilibrium tensile moduli increase with age and range from 6-15 MPa (with failure strains of ~60%), while compressive properties at equilibrium are much lower (<1MPa) (Williamson et al. 2003; Charlebois et al. 2004). The large disparity in tensile and compressive properties is termed tension compression non-linearity (TCNL) (Huang et al. 2001; Huang et al. 2005). Under certain compressive loading configurations (e.g., unconfined compression), failure to include TCNL results in poor theoretical predictions of transient response (Soltz et al. 2000). Therefore, many of the poroelastic and biphasic cartilage models have been altered to incorporate TCNL (Soulhat et al. 1999; Soltz et al. 2000). Further highlighting the importance of these properties, cartilage tensile properties decrease rapidly after insult and are a precursor to further degeneration (Elliott et al. 1999).

While critical for cartilage function, few studies have directly examined the tensile properties of engineered cartilage. Rather, most studies indirectly assess this parameter by measuring the dynamic modulus in unconfined compression (a measure dependent on both the compressive and tensile modulus). It has been noted that even when the equilibrium compressive modulus (and GAG content) matches that of the native tissue,

the dynamic modulus (and collagen content) remains lower (~25% of native) (Lima et al. 2007). While less common, several studies have directly measured the tensile properties of engineered constructs (Table 1). Collectively, these studies indicate that the tensile properties of chondrocyte monolayers, masses, and cell-seeded hydrogels remain well below native tissue levels, even after extensive periods of *in vitro* or *in vivo* culture. While illustrative, these studies did not employ a defined media with growth factor supplementation, nor did they assess the potential of MSCs to recapitulate this important property in 3D culture.

Therefore, the purpose of this study was to assess the tensile properties of hydrogel-based constructs seeded with chondrocytes and MSCs and maintained in a defined media. Based on our previous findings of robust increases in compressive properties in this media with TGF- β 3, we hypothesized that this treatment would similarly increase construct tensile properties. Further, based on previous studies focusing on compressive properties, we hypothesized that increasing chondrocyte seeding density would produce constructs with greater tensile properties. Finally, we hypothesized that MSC-laden constructs would increase in tensile properties only when exposed to TGF- β 3, but would do so to a lesser extent than chondrocyte-laden constructs.

To test these hypotheses, chondrocyte-seeded constructs were formed at two seeding densities (10 and 30 million cells/mL) and cultured for 8 weeks in a defined medium, with or without TGF- β 3. Additionally, donor-matched MSCs were seeded (10 million cells/mL) and cultured similarly. At biweekly intervals, the ramp modulus, ultimate

strain and toughness were determined using tensile tests to failure. Biochemical content (DNA, GAG, and collagen) was analyzed and ECM distribution and collagen type determined via histology and immunohistochemistry. Findings show that the tensile properties of cell-seeded constructs increased with increasing culture duration and the application of TGF- β 3. Interestingly, increasing chondrocyte density increased the initial rate of accumulation of ECM and tensile modulus, but did not alter the modulus values achieved after 8 weeks. Further, when cultured at the same seeding density, chondrocytes and MSCs generated similar increases in tensile properties. Neither cell type nor higher seeding density resulted in constructs whose tensile properties matched that of native cartilage, highlighting the need for further refinement of these engineered constructs to enable their load bearing role once implanted *in vivo*.

6.2 Materials and Methods

6.2.1 Construct Fabrication and 3D Culture

MSCs and chondrocytes were isolated as described in Section 3.2.1. For all studies, type VII agarose (Sigma, St Louis, MO) in PBS was cast in 2.25 mm thick sheets, gelled for 20 minutes at 25°C, and cut into strips (7mm x 40mm). For validation studies, acellular strips of 2, 3, 4 and 5% w/v were prepared. For seeding studies, sterile agarose (49°C, 4% w/v) was combined 1:1 with chondrocytes (20 or 60 million cells/mL) or MSCs (20 million cells/mL) at 25°C in chemically defined medium (CM, Section 3.2.2). Constructs were cultured for 56 days in 6 mL/strip with (CM+) or without (CM-) 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3 (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). Strips from two replicate experiments with different cell isolations were used and media was changed twice weekly. At biweekly intervals,

constructs were evaluated for tensile properties, biochemical content, and ECM distribution.

6.2.2 Construct Mechanical Testing

To evaluate tensile properties, an Instron 5848 Microtester (Instron, Canton, MA) was used to apply uniaxial tension to strips seated into 120 grit sandpaper-coated grips at 25°C. Sample dimensions were measured via digital caliper, and gauge length noted after placement in grips. Samples were moistened with PBS during the test. Elongation was prescribed at a quasi-static 0.5%/sec strain rate until failure. To validate our tensile testing protocol and to ensure that slippage at the grips was not occurring in these samples, texture correlation was used to compare local strains in a central region of interest (ROI) of the gel to the nominal grip-to-grip strain. To enable this analysis, graphite markers were encapsulated in acellular 2% and 5% agarose gels prepared as above. Strips were tested at 0.5%/sec strain rate until failure. Images were acquired of the central region of the construct every second during elongation with a digital camera controlled via a custom LABVIEW program (Guerin et al. 2007). Average local strain in the longitudinal direction within the ROI was determined from this image series via a particle tracking algorithm using the Vic2D software (Correlated Solutions Inc, West Columbia, SC) and was compared to grip-to-grip strain derived from the Instron output file. In another subset of acellular samples, the equilibrium tensile modulus was determined using a tensile stress relaxation test. In this test, strips were subjected to three steps of 2% elongation at a rate of 0.05%/sec with a relaxation period of 80 seconds following each ramp. Equilibrium tensile stress was plotted against applied strain and the tensile modulus calculated from a linear fit

to this data. The ramp tensile modulus was calculated from the measured geometry on the day of testing and the linear region of the stress-strain curve. Ultimate strain (strain at maximum stress) and toughness (integrated area under the stress-strain curve) was calculated for each sample.

6.2.3 Immunohistochemistry

For immunohistochemistry, sections were deparaffinized, rehydrated, and incubated for 1 hour at 37°C in 300µg/mL hyaluronidase (Type IV, Sigma) in PBS. Samples were washed, treated with 3% H₂O₂, and incubated with a blocking reagent (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore, Billerica, MA). Collagens were identified with 5µg/ml dilutions of primary antibodies specific for either collagen I (MAB3391, Millipore) or collagen II (11-116B3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA) in 3% BSA in PBS. Non-immune controls were prepared with 3% BSA in PBS without primary antibody. Biotinylated goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibodies with Streptavidin HRP bound the primary antibody and were reacted with DAB chromogen reagent for 10 minutes (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore). Color images were captured at 5X magnification using a microscope equipped with a color CCD digital camera and the QCapturePro acquisition software. For each antibody, all samples were stained at the same time and imaged under the same conditions to enable comparison between groups.

6.2.4 Statistical Analysis

All statistical analysis was performed with SYSTAT software (v10.2, SYSTAT Software Inc., San Jose, CA). Significance was set at $p < 0.05$ and data analyzed using two separate

ANOVA analyses. Time, culture medium (CM- or CM+) and either seeding density (10 or 30 million cell/mL) or cell type (Chondrocyte or MSC) were the independent variables. When the ANOVA analysis indicated significance, Fisher's LSD posthoc tests were applied to enable comparisons between groups. All data are reported as mean \pm SD of 7-10 samples.

6.3 Results

6.3.1 Tensile Properties of Acellular Agarose

Preliminary testing of acellular agarose gels showed that little stress relaxation occurred when a series of step tensile deformations was applied in a stress relaxation test (**Figure 6-1A, B**, percent relaxation \sim 8%, solid line). This is in marked contrast to the behavior of agarose in compression, during which conspicuous stress relaxation is observed (**Figure 6-1B**, percent relaxation \sim 34%, dotted line,). Indeed, while long durations are required to determine equilibrium properties of agarose in compression, the tensile properties of 2% and 5% agarose strips were comparable to one another when determined from ramp and equilibrium testing (**Figure 6-1C**). Testing a range of concentrations of acellular gels in both tension (ramp) and compression (equilibrium) demonstrated that increasing agarose concentration increased both compressive and tensile moduli. Significant increases were observed for each percentage increase over 2% in both tension and compression, with tensile moduli being 5-25 times higher than the compressive moduli at each concentration (**Figure 6-1D**). This indicates that even for acellular agarose gels, a significant tension/compression non-linearity exists, similar to native cartilage tissue (Huang et al. 2001; Huang et al. 2005).

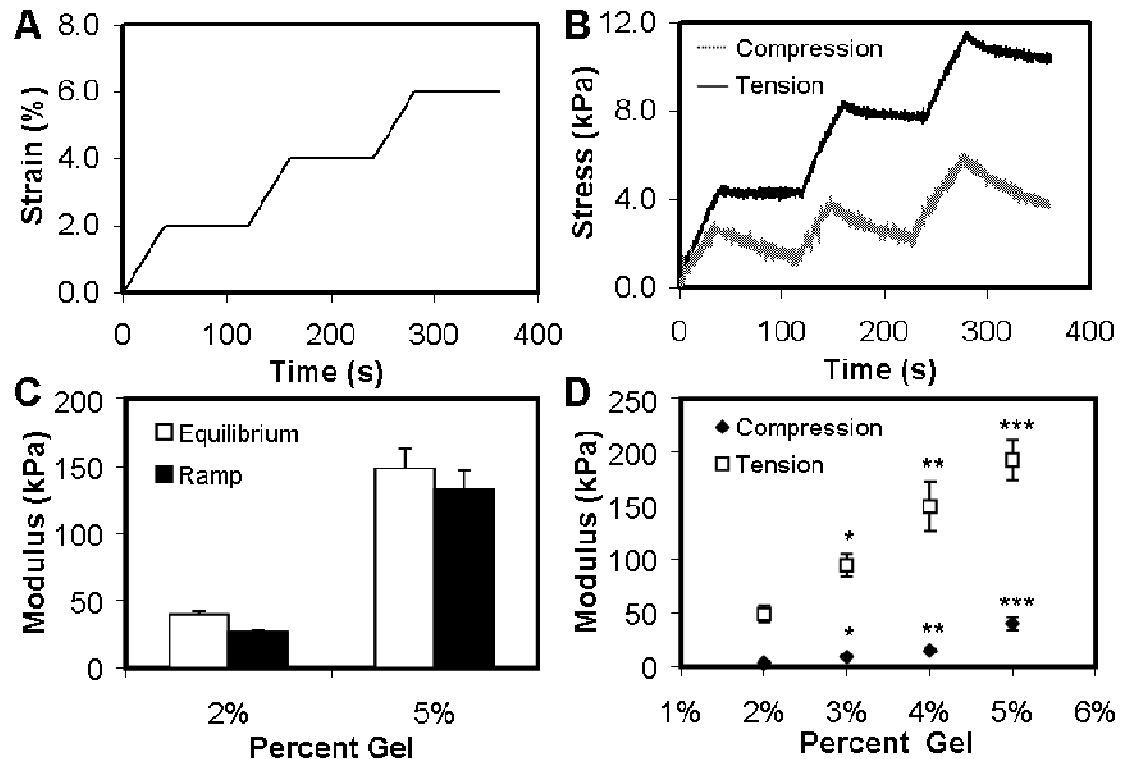


Figure 6-1: Tensile and compressive properties of acellular agarose gels. (A) Plot of 3 sequential ramps of 2% tensile or compressive strain applied to a 5% agarose gel followed by 80 seconds of relaxation. **(B)** Stress relaxation response of 5% agarose gel with extension (solid line) or compression (dotted line). Note the marked relaxation with compressive stress relaxation. **(C)** Equilibrium and ramp tensile moduli of 2% and 5% agarose gels. **(D)** Tensile (derived from ramp testing) and compressive (derived from equilibrium testing) properties of acellular gels as a function of agarose content (% w/v). Data represents the mean and standard deviation of ten samples per group. * Indicates greater than all values lower $p < 0.05$; ** indicates greater than all values lower $p < 0.05$; *** indicates greater than all values lower $p < 0.05$.

To verify that the clamping protocol we employed did not allow slipping at the grips, texture correlation of surface deformation was used to analyze local strains during ramp testing. Good agreement was found between measured local strains in the central region of the construct compared with the applied grip-to-grip strains over the linear region from which the ramp modulus was calculated (0-5%, **Figure 6-2**). Based on these results and

those from the stress relaxation testing, the ramp modulus was used to evaluate tensile properties for subsequent studies of cell-laden gels.

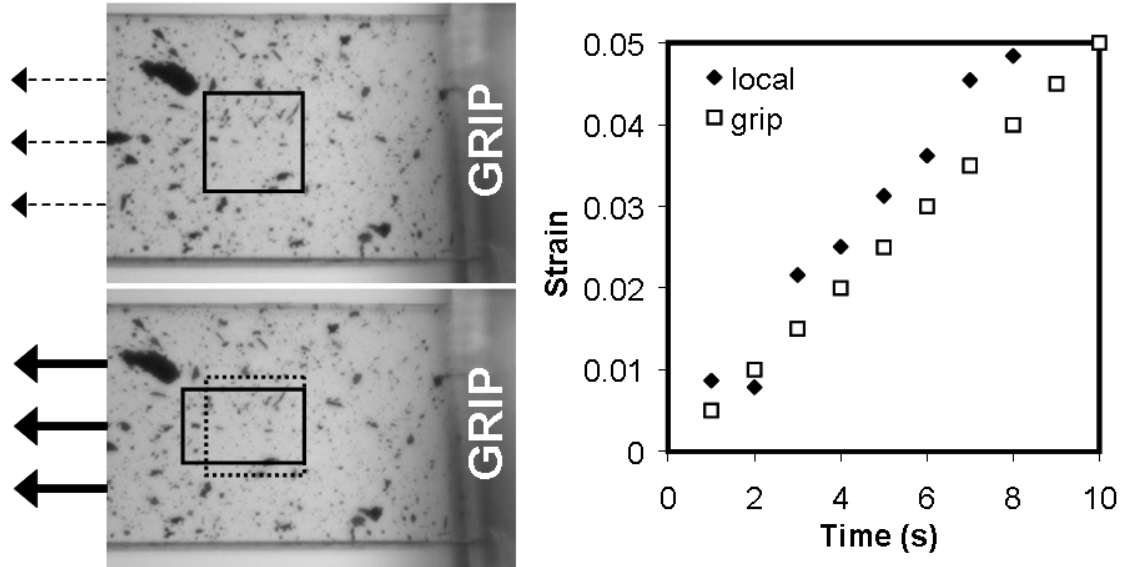


Figure 6-2: Analysis of bulk and local strain during tensile testing of agarose strips. (A) Representative image of speckled acellular gels at the outset (top image) and after 3% grip-to-grip strain (bottom image) during the tensile test. Boxes represent undeformed and deformed region of interest for analysis of local strains. **(B)** Representative correlation of local strain (closed diamonds) with grip-to-grip strain (open squares) for a central region of an acellular construct. Good agreement is observed between local and grip-to-grip strains in the linear region of the force-elongation curves used to calculate tensile properties.

While the ramp tensile modulus increased for each percentage increase in agarose concentration (**Figure 6-3**, $p < 0.05$), the ultimate strain in these acellular gels was relatively insensitive to increasing concentration, with failure occurring at $< 15\%$. A small decrease in ultimate strain was observed at agarose concentrations greater than 2% (**Figure 6-3**, $p < 0.05$).

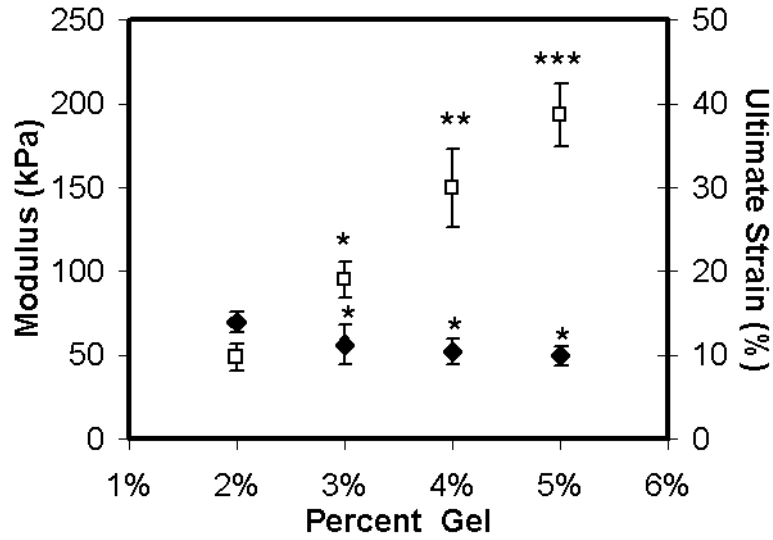


Figure 6-3: Tensile properties of acellular agarose hydrogels. Tensile ramp modulus (white squares) and ultimate strain (black diamonds) of acellular gels as a function of agarose content (% w/v). Data represents the mean and standard deviation of ten samples per group. * Indicates difference from 2% group, $p < 0.05$; ** indicates greater than 3% group, $p < 0.05$; *** indicates greater than 4% group, $p < 0.05$.

6.3.2 Biochemical Content of Cell-Seeded Agarose

6.3.2a Effect of Cell Density

After test validation, chondrocyte-laden constructs, seeded at 10 and 30 million cells/mL (CH10M and CH30M, respectively), were fabricated and maintained in long-term culture in either CM- or CM+. DNA content increased with time in CH10M groups in CM+ ($p < 0.01$ vs. day 14, Figure 2), but showed no increase until day 56 compared to day 14 in CM- ($p = 0.015$ vs. day 14). In contrast, DNA content remained stable for CH30M groups in CM+ ($p > 0.06$ vs. day 14). DNA content was higher at all time points except day 56 for CH30M compared to CH10M in CM+ ($p < 0.05$). Both GAG and collagen content were dependent on culture duration and media composition ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 6-4**). After day 14 for the CH10M group, and after day 28 for the CH30M group, increased GAG and collagen were found in constructs in CM+ compared to CM-. With seeding at the

higher density and culture in CM+, CH30M constructs contained greater GAG and collagen compared to CH10M constructs at all time points after day 14 ($p < 0.04$). Interestingly, CH30M strips maintained in CM- synthesized comparable GAG and collagen by day 56 compared to CH10M groups in CM+ ($p = 0.129$ for GAG, $p = 0.905$ for collagen).

6.3.2b Effect of Cell Type

To evaluate the ability of MSCs to produce functional matrix, donor-matched MSCs were seeded at 10 million cells/mL (MSC10M) and compared to the CH10M group. DNA content of MSC10M groups did not change with time, regardless of media condition ($p > 0.08$, **Figure 6-4**). MSC10M in CM+ produced similar GAG compared to CH10M CM+ at all time points ($p > 0.25$). Although collagen content was similar between MSC10M and CH10M at the terminal time point ($p > 0.1$), collagen increased more rapidly in MSC10M groups. MSC10M constructs maintained in CM- failed to deposit appreciable amounts of GAG or collagen regardless of time in culture.

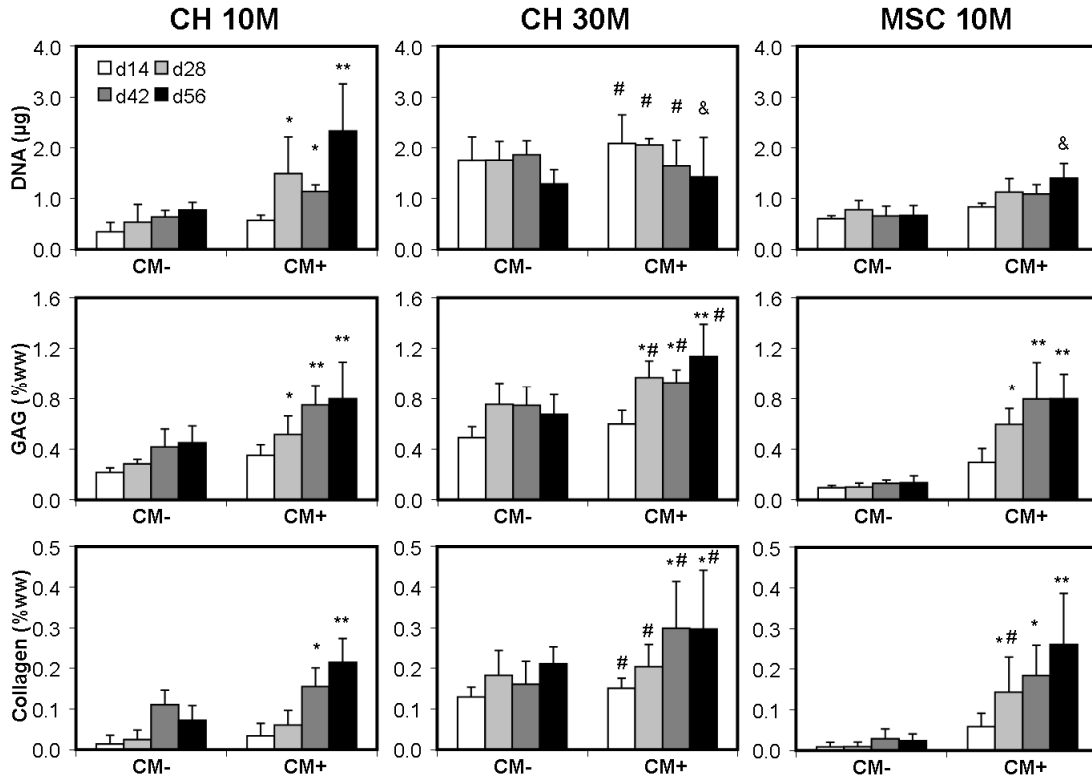


Figure 6-4: Biochemical composition of tensile strips with variation in time in culture, media condition, cell type, and cell density. Top row: DNA content (□g/disk); middle row: sGAG content (%ww); bottom row: collagen content (%ww). * Indicates greater than all values lower in both CM- and CM+ conditions within cell and seeding density group ($p < 0.05$); ** indicates greater than all values lower in both CM- and CM+ conditions within cell and seeding density group ($p < 0.05$); # indicates greater than corresponding CH10M value at same time point and media condition ($p < 0.05$); & indicates lower than corresponding CH10M value at same time point and media condition ($p < 0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of seven to ten samples per group per time point.

6.3.3 Tensile Properties of Cell-Seeded Agarose

6.3.3a Effect of Cell Density

The tensile modulus of CH10M constructs increased with time in culture in CM+, reaching 405 ± 127 kPa by day 56 ($p < 0.001$ vs. day 14, **Figure 6-5**). In contrast, constructs in CM- were significantly weaker in tension, only reaching 104 ± 76 kPa at the terminal time point ($p < 0.001$). When maintained in CM+, CH30M constructs increased in tensile properties with time ($p < 0.001$), and did so more rapidly than CH10M constructs

(e.g., note higher modulus in CH30M on day 42). However, the tensile modulus achieved in the CH30M group plateaued by day 42 at a value of 354 ± 125 kPa. When maintained in CM-, CH30M constructs improved in tensile modulus with time ($p < 0.001$ at day 56 vs. day 14) and at day 56, attained similar tensile properties as day 28 CH10M constructs in CM+ ($p > 0.9$). Interestingly, although biochemical content was higher in CH30M constructs in CM+ compared to CH10M, the tensile modulus was not different on day 56. The ultimate strain and toughness of chondrocyte-laden constructs were dependent on time in culture ($p < 0.01$) and media condition ($p < 0.001$), but not on seeding density ($p > 0.8$). Unlike the tensile modulus, which rose steadily through the culture duration, the ultimate strain and toughness of the CH10M and CH30M groups in CM+ reached their highest values by day 28 and were not different from one another thereafter ($p > 0.1$). The ultimate strain achieved was higher for constructs in CM+ compared to CM- at all time points, regardless of seeding density ($p < 0.05$). In contrast, the toughness of constructs in CM+ was not different than CM- constructs until day 28 ($p > 0.07$ day 14 CM+ vs. CM-).

6.3.3b Effect of Cell Type

As expected based on the weak deposition of matrix, MSC10M constructs in CM- did not show any improvement in tensile properties with time ($p > 0.8$ at day 56 vs. day 14). In CM+, however, MSC10M constructs increased in tensile modulus with time ($p < 0.001$), and did so more rapidly than CH10M constructs. Tensile moduli in these constructs plateaued at day 42 to values of 363 ± 99 kPa. The ultimate strain and toughness of

MSC10M constructs were dependent on time in culture ($p<0.01$) and media condition ($p<0.001$), but were not different than the CH10M group similarly maintained ($p>0.25$).

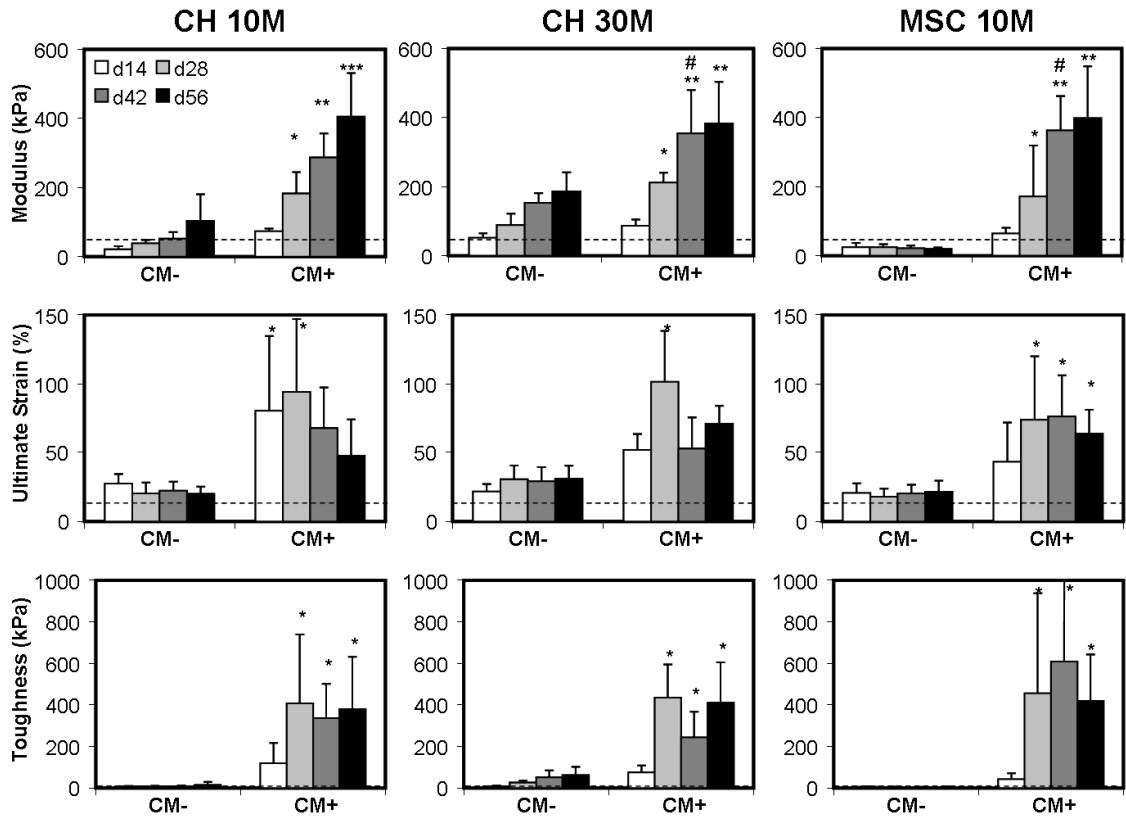


Figure 6-5: Time-dependent tensile modulus (kPa), ultimate strain (%), and toughness (kPa) of constructs with culture in CM- or CM+ medium. * Indicates greater than all values lower in both CM- and CM+ conditions within cell and seeding density group ($p<0.05$); ** indicates greater than all values lower in both CM- and CM+ conditions within cell and seeding density group ($p<0.05$); * indicates greater than all lower values within same cell type and seeding density group ($p<0.05$); # indicates greater than corresponding CH10M value at same time point and media condition ($p<0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of seven to ten samples per group per time point. Dotted line indicates corresponding property of 2% agarose from acellular studies.**

6.3.4 Histological Analysis

Histological analysis showed an increasing amount of matrix deposition with culture duration, with more intense staining with culture in CM+ (not shown). Very little matrix was deposited in the MSC10M group maintained in CM-. As expected from analysis of biochemical content, day 56 constructs cultured in CM+ showed little difference in

staining intensity with variations in seeding density and cell type with respect to cellularity, and GAG and collagen deposition (**Figure 6-6**).

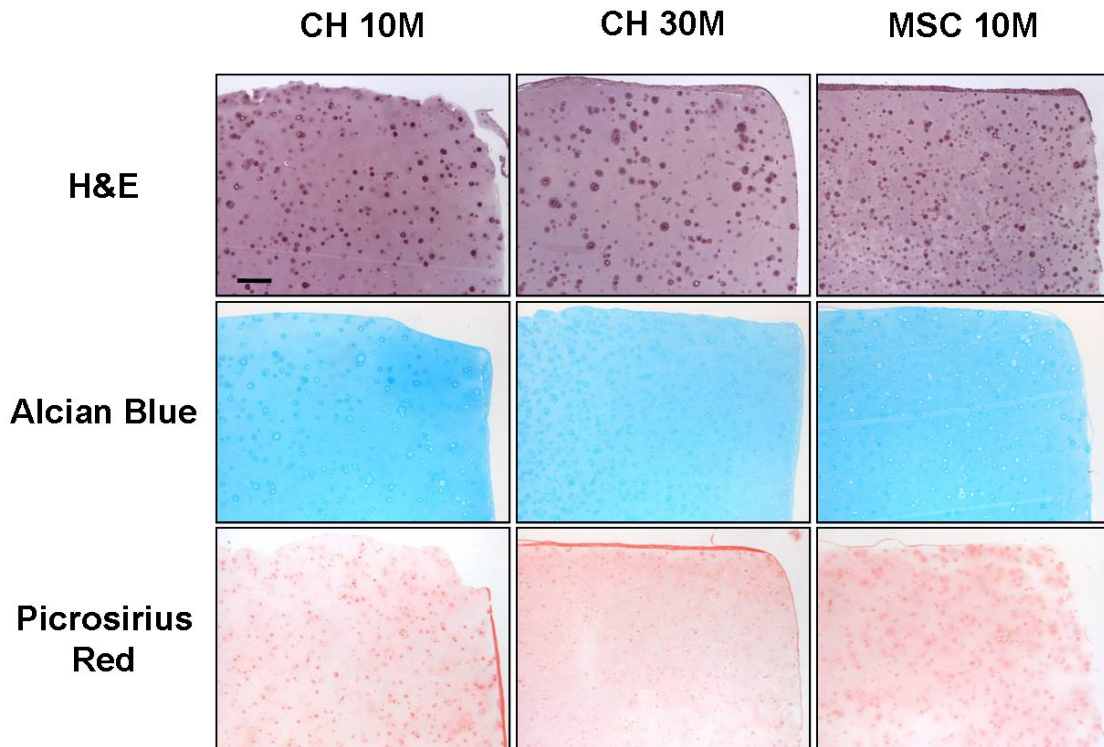


Figure 6-6: Histologic appearance of constructs on day 56. H&E, Alcian Blue and Picrosirius Red staining of CH10M, CH30M and MSC10M constructs cultured in CM+ reveals no differences between groups at day 56. Constructs cultured in CM- conditions (not shown) showed lower staining intensities for chondrocyte groups, and absence of stain for MSCs. Scale bar: 200 μ m.

The type of collagen deposition in the different culture conditions was analyzed using immunohistochemistry (**Figure 6-7**). Interestingly, chondrocytes at either density deposited a mixture of type I and type II collagen in CM-. Addition of TGF- β 3 resulted in a dramatic shift in matrix deposition in these constructs, with nearly all collagen deposited being type II. Conversely, MSC-laden constructs showed weak pericellular staining of type I collagen and no type II collagen in CM-, indicative of their lack of chondrogenic phenotype in this media. However, when cultured in CM+, a robust

deposition of type II collagen was observed, and pericellular type I collagen staining was lost.

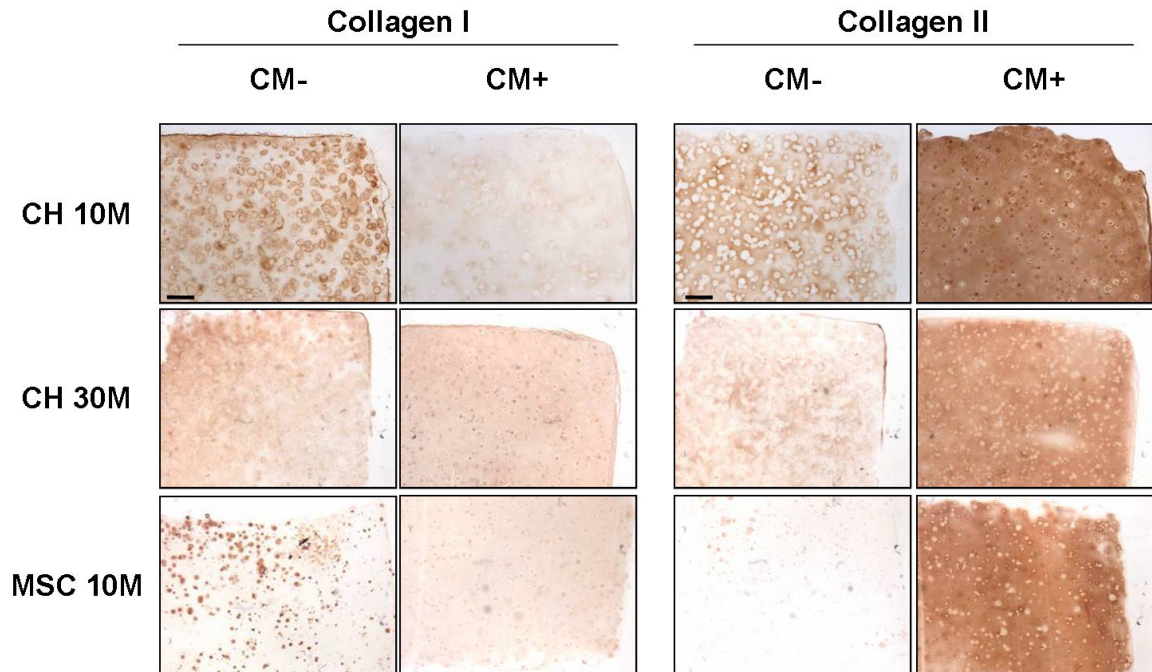


Figure 6-7: Immunohistochemical detection of amount and distribution of collagen type I and type II in day 56 constructs cultured in CM- or CM+ medium. Chondrocyte-laden constructs stained for both type I and type II collagen in CM- conditions, with an intense shift to predominantly type II collagen and loss of type I staining in CM+ conditions, regardless of seeding density. MSCs showed some pericellular staining of type I collagen and no type II collagen in CM- conditions, but a robust deposition of type II collagen throughout the construct with culture in CM+ conditions. Scale bar: 200µm.

To determine organization of the newly formed collagen, Picrosirius Red staining was carried out on a subset of the day 56 CM+ CH10M constructs that had been sectioned *en face* (parallel to the construct surface). These stained sections showed a much lower collagen staining intensity than native articular cartilage prepared and stained similarly (**Figure 6-8**). Furthermore, polarized light imaging of constructs revealed a distinct lack of collagen organization in these engineered constructs compared to the native tissue. In the engineered section, little birefringent material was present, and that which was present showed no directional consensus. Conversely, native tissue showed intense

birefringence, that when analyzed for preferred orientation, showed a prevailing fiber direction of 107 degrees with a coefficient of variation of 21 degrees.

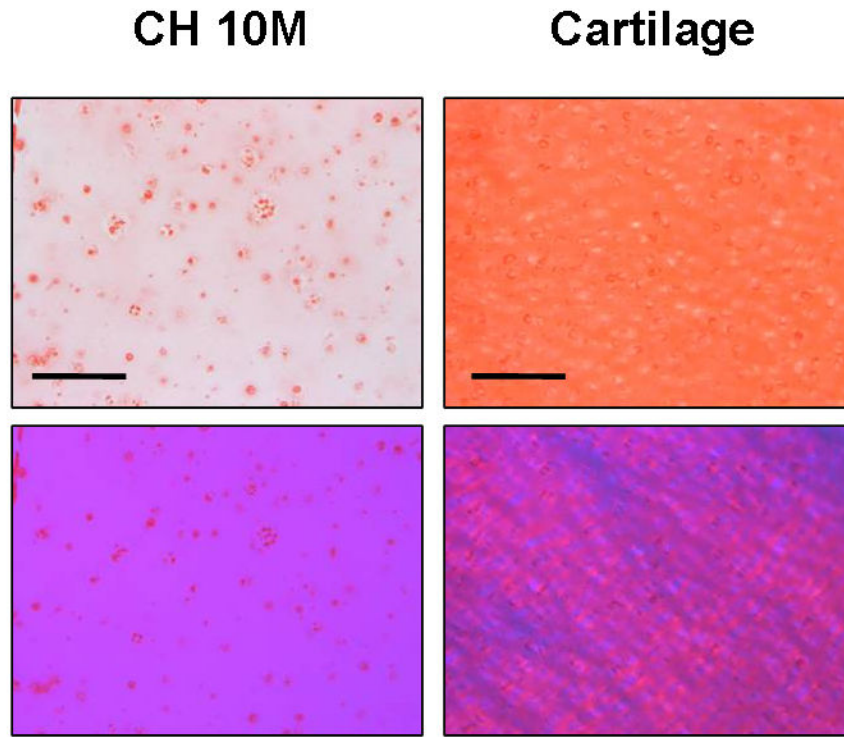


Figure 6-8: Collagen deposition and alignment in engineered cartilage constructs and the superficial zone of native tissue. Picrosirius red staining (top) and polarized light imaging (bottom) of en face sections from the superficial zone of a CH10M construct cultured in CM+ at day 56 and bovine carpal articular cartilage. Engineered constructs stained less intensely for collagen compared to native cartilage and showed no specific collagen organization. Scale bar: 200 μ m.

6.4 Discussion

The load bearing capacity of articular cartilage is enabled by a high compressive modulus and an even higher tensile modulus. While compressive properties have been widely studied as a benchmark of mechanical functionality in engineered cartilage, few studies using hydrogels have examined tensile properties or have sought to optimize this critical determinant of cartilage mechanical function. In this study, we directly measured the tensile properties of cell-laden agarose, a commonly used hydrogel in cartilage TE. In

agreement with previous studies (Normand et al. 2000), agarose tensile properties were dependent on the percent composition, and acellular gels failed at strains of >15%, independent of percent composition. When seeded with chondrocytes or MSCs, these properties increase with culture duration, with the largest improvement in tensile properties observed in a chemically defined medium containing TGF- β 3. Such seeded constructs increased in ultimate strain to >50% (matching native values); however, the tensile moduli achieved after 8 weeks were a fraction (10% or lower) of native values, which range from 5-50MPa (Huang et al. 2005).

In addition to assessing baseline tensile properties, this study explored several parameters for improving construct maturation. First, we used a chemically defined medium with (CM+) or without (CM-) TGF- β 3 supplementation. We have previously shown that chondrocytes cultured in agarose cylinders in this medium increase in compressive properties with time in culture, with markedly larger improvements with the inclusion of TGF- β 3 (Mauck et al. 2006). In this study, CM+ medium similarly resulted in larger increases in the biochemical composition (GAG and collagen content) as well as the tensile properties of chondrocyte-laden constructs compared to those maintained in CM-. Additionally, while both type I and type II collagen were deposited by chondrocytes in CM-, a pronounced shift to the accumulation of type II collagen was observed in CM+.

Additional experiments demonstrated that increasing the initial chondrocyte seeding density modulated the rate and amount of construct ECM deposition. In general, an increased starting cellularity led to more rapid and/or higher final biochemical content.

For example, constructs seeded with chondrocytes at 30 million cells/mL in CM- reached higher tensile moduli and greater biochemical content on day 56 than 10 million cells/mL constructs similarly maintained. These findings are consistent with previous short-term (14 day) studies that directly measured tensile properties of chondrocyte-laden alginate gels at varying seeding densities (Williams et al. 2005). This increase in biochemical content with increased seeding density was apparent in CM+ as well. However, despite higher GAG and collagen content at the terminal time point (day 56) in the higher seeding density constructs, the tensile properties achieved were comparable between the two groups. This suggest that factors other than GAG and bulk collagen content, such as collagen cross-linking or expression and deposition of other cross-linking elements, may play a role in increasing tensile properties. Furthermore, given the relatively low collagen levels (0.8-1.1%) observed in these constructs, our findings suggest that there exists a threshold below which composition does not correlate with tensile properties as it does for the native tissue.

Finally, a separate set of experiments explored the capacity of MSCs to develop tensile properties comparable to chondrocytes. In a previous study, we showed that MSCs were unable to achieve comparable compressive properties compared to chondrocytes. One interesting observation in that study was that collagen contents were similar between MSC and chondrocyte-laden cylinders. In this study, MSC-laden constructs attained similar collagen content and tensile properties on day 56 compared to donor-matched chondrocytes at the same density. Staining for collagen type showed that MSCs and chondrocytes responded differently to the varying media conditions. While chondrocytes

deposited matrix containing both type I and II collagens in the absence of TGF- β 3, MSCs showed only slight accumulation of type I collagen. This finding indicated that MSCs were viable in CM-, but deposited very little ECM. Addition of TGF- β 3 shifted the phenotype of both cell types towards one that was strongly chondrogenic, with the majority of collagen deposited being type II. These quantitative and qualitative measures demonstrate, for the first time, that MSCs can form cartilaginous constructs with tensile properties similar to those formed by chondrocytes in a 3D hydrogel environment. This potential is critical for the optimization of this cell source as a viable alternative to chondrocytes for cartilage TE.

From these studies, it is clear that the culture of either chondrocytes or MSCs in agarose results in lower tensile properties and collagen content (~1% of wet weight) than that of the native tissue. This finding is consistent with previous studies that have matched the GAG content and compressive properties of the native tissue in engineered constructs, but have failed to achieve physiologic collagen content, resulting in significantly lower dynamic moduli in unconfined compression (Lima et al. 2007; Byers et al. 2008),. Additionally, collagen organization (assessed via polarized light microscopy) was isotropic and disorganized in these constructs compared to the ordered collagen alignment in the cartilage superficial layer. Given that tensile properties are based on a dense, ordered collagen component and are critical to cartilage function, these limitations must be resolved to enable successful engineering of this unique tissue.

Several enabling technologies may be considered for the improvement of these tensile properties. First, it may be that the non-biodegradable agarose used in this study interferes with the distribution and remodeling of the forming collagen network. Previous studies using pulse-chase radiolabeling have shown that spatial and temporal gradients in newly formed matrix constituents control the distance from the cell that products migrate (Quinn et al. 2002). Hydrogels that are engineered to degrade on a specific time scale (Burdick et al. 2001) or via hydrolysis of enzymatically cleavable elements (Park et al. 2004) might improve ECM distribution, and may likewise promote increases in tensile properties. Alternatively, fabrication of hydrogels from biologics, such as hyaluronic acid (HA) or chondroitin sulfate (CS), may permit natural ECM remodeling with construct maturation (Burdick et al. 2005; Chung et al. 2006), (Li et al. 2004).

Collectively, the results of this study suggest that ECM deposition by chondrocytes and MSCs can improve the tensile properties of engineered constructs. However, the low tensile properties achieved under these free swelling conditions are a significant impediment to load-bearing use. These limitations correlate with the poor construct collagen content and the overall lack of ECM organization. Engineering methods, such as mechanical stimulation, that borrow from developmental concepts of remodeling and physiologic use may be necessary to improve construct tensile properties and enable their load bearing capacity upon implantation.

CHAPTER 7: SLIDING CONTACT ENHANCES MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL CHONDROGENESIS IN 3D CULTURE

7.1 Introduction

The load-bearing role of articular cartilage is enabled by a set of unique properties that are both inhomogeneous (depth-dependent) and anisotropic (direction-dependent). As described in Chapter 2, the collagen content of mature cartilage is highest in the superficial zone, and is organized parallel to the surface (Mankin et al. 1994). In the middle zone, collagen orientation is disorganized and in the deep zone, collagen is oriented perpendicular to the subchondral bony surface. In the superficial zone, collagen is also organized along split-line directions, which change directions across the surface (Below et al. 2002). The tensile properties of cartilage vary accordingly, and are highest in the split-line direction (parallel to collagen fibers) (Huang et al. 2005). Cartilage maturation and the development of these depth- and direction-dependent properties is directed by mechanical forces; loading induces remodeling of the immature matrix (Archer et al. 2003), leading to increases in compressive and tensile properties (Kempson 1982; Kempson 1991; Athanasiou et al. 2000). In bovine cartilage, these increases in tensile properties correlate with increases in collagen content and cross-linking (Williamson et al. 2001; Williamson et al. 2003; Charlebois et al. 2004). When embryonic and juvenile bovine cartilage explants are removed from the loading environment, the tensile properties decrease in conjunction with decreases in collagen and cross-link density (Williamson et al. 2003). These findings suggest that the demands placed on cartilage, coincident with load-bearing use, lead to rapid changes in collagen content and organization, allowing the tissue to achieve its mature load bearing capacity.

Despite the importance of tensile properties to articular cartilage function, few studies have considered these properties in engineered tissue replacements. In the previous chapter, we charted the tensile properties of chondrocyte- and MSC-seeded constructs in free-swelling culture and found no differences between these cell types. As with the compressive properties, tensile properties initially increased with time in culture as matrix was deposited; however, within a few weeks tensile properties plateaued to levels far below those of the native tissue. Biochemical evaluation showed poor collagen deposition and little collagen organization.

From the work presented thus far (Chapters 3-6), generating MSC-based constructs with the mechanical complexity and integrity of cartilage remains a challenge; not only are the properties of MSC-seeded hydrogels consistently lower than those of the native tissue, but the structural organization of articular cartilage is completely absent. As mechanical stimulation is critical to cartilage development and maturation, bioreactor systems that simulate the native mechanical environment of cartilage may bridge these functional disparities. Indeed, as discussed extensively in Chapter 4, dynamic axial compression enhanced the compressive properties of MSC-based engineered cartilage, though collagen content remained low. Improvements in compressive properties were not related to improvements in bulk matrix content, but were perhaps due to load-induced matrix remodeling. In these constructs, type II collagen distribution was noticeably improved compared to free-swelling controls; this was apparent throughout the construct expanse (macro-scale) and at the pericellular level (micro-scale). While promising, these studies

were not designed to generate either depth-dependence or constructs with improved tensile properties. Therefore, to better enhance construct properties and instill depth- and direction-dependent properties, a loading modality more representative of the native joint environment may be required.

Physiologic loading within the joint is represented by two cartilage layers sliding relative to one another. In the knee joint, this sliding contact is carried out by the cartilages lining the femoral condyles and tibial plateau. Loading is characterized by a moving contact area across curved surfaces and the applied load is largely borne by fluid pressurization (Ateshian et al. 1995; Caligaris et al. 2008). To date, few studies have examined the effects of sliding contact on the functional growth of engineered constructs; in one study, a migrating contact applied to adult canine chondrocyte-seeded agarose disks improved the equilibrium compressive properties, though no differences were observed in biochemical content or spatial distribution of matrix (Bian et al.). Related studies applying rolling contact (Stoddart et al. 2006) or compression and shear (Grad et al. 2005; Grad et al. 2006; Grad et al. 2006) to chondrocyte-seeded constructs showed that these loading modalities can modulate chondrogenic gene expression and proteoglycan synthesis, however mechanical properties were not assessed. Compression and shear in these studies were applied using an oscillating spherical hip ball and the contact area remained constant with loading, with shear loading superimposed on dynamic compressive loading. Using this bioreactor system, recent studies have examined the effect of dynamic compression and shear on MSC-seeded fibrin-polyurethane sponges. While MSC gene expression was modulated by loading, the GAG content of constructs was not affected (Li et al. 2009; Li et

al. 2009). Changes in gene expression was also dependent on the presence and concentration of TGF- β 1 during loading (Li et al. 2009). Though interesting, the physical signals arising from this loading system and the mechanical microenvironment of MSCs within these constructs was not characterized and is not well understood. In addition, none of the studies mentioned above was designed to examine the effect of loading on developing tensile properties or collagen content.

To overcome the above limitations, we developed and characterized a new sliding contact bioreactor system that can better recapitulate the mechanical stimuli arising from joint motion (two contacting cartilage layers). Using this bioreactor system, we demonstrated improved expression of chondrogenic genes with short-term sliding contact of MSC-seeded agarose; these changes in gene expression were dependent on both axial strain and TGF- β supplementation. We then applied long-term sliding contact to MSC-seeded agarose constructs using the optimized parameters previously determined from short-term studies, and showed improved tensile properties and depth-dependent matrix remodeling with sliding contact. Finally, FEM analysis of sliding contact showed that tensile strains (parallel to the sliding direction) and fluid efflux/influx were depth-dependent and highest in the region closest to the construct surface, consistent with histologic observations.

7.2 Materials and Methods

7.2.1 Sliding Contact Bioreactor

A custom, displacement controlled bioreactor (**Figure 7-1**) was constructed to apply sliding contact (SLC) to cell-seeded hydrogel strips. The bioreactor consisted of an array of

spherical polytetrafluoroethylene indenters (Ø25 mm) cut to 10 mm width and length, a lid to maintain sterility, removable polysulfone trays, and a motorized motion control system (Soloist, Aerotech, Pittsburgh, PA) to regulate sliding displacement (x-direction). Axial displacement (y-direction) was controlled manually with ball-bearing linear stages and actuators (Newport, Irvine, CA). Strips were maintained and loaded in rectangular wells within trays and held in place by clamps on either end, with up to 5 strips per tray. For all experiments, a sinusoidal sliding displacement was applied.

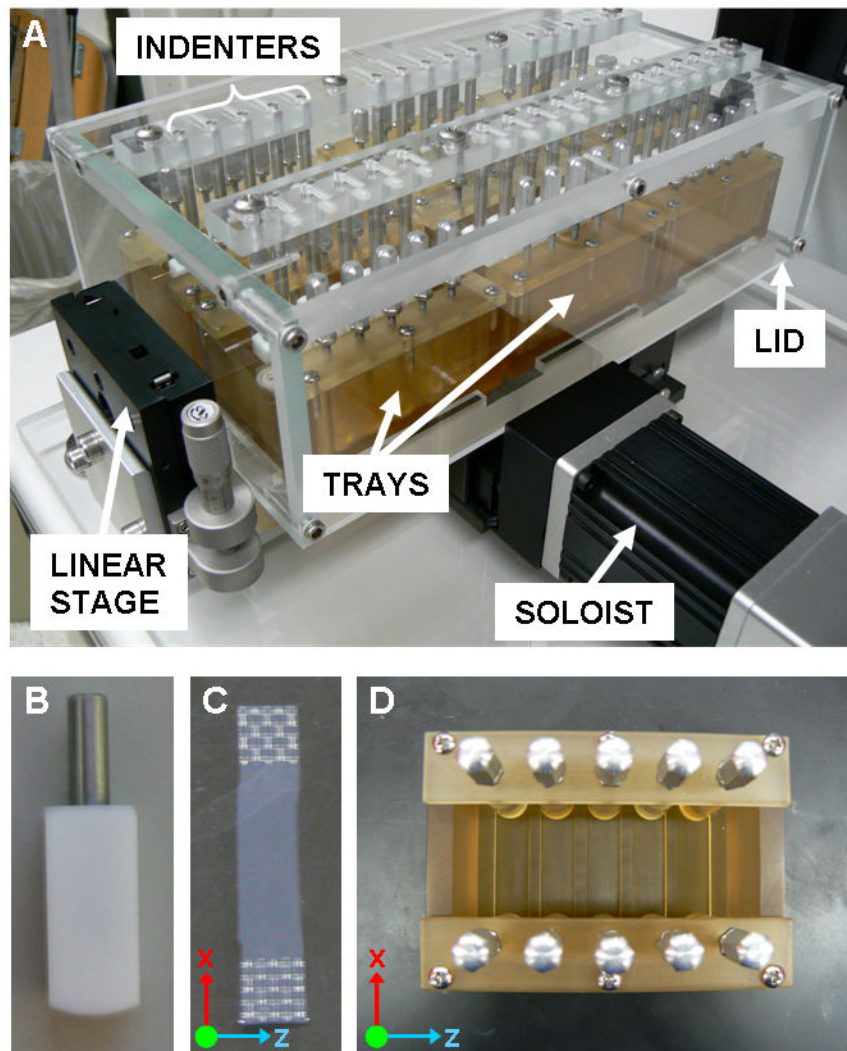


Figure 7-1: A custom, displacement-controlled bioreactor to apply sliding contact (SLC) to engineered cartilage constructs. (A) The bioreactor consisted of spherical indenters, a lid and removable trays. Axial and sliding displacements were controlled by linear stages and the Soloist motion controller, respectively. (B) SLC was applied using spherical indenters (original diameter: Ø25 mm). (C) Cell-seeded hydrogel strips were cast with nylon meshes on either end. (D) Strips were housed in removable trays and held in place by posts, with up to five strips per tray.

7.2.2 Sliding Contact Loading of Acellular and MSC-Seeded Constructs

For acellular studies, 2% and 6% type VII agarose (Sigma, St Louis, MO) in PBS were separately cast between parallel plates to form 1.5 mm thick sheets that were subsequently sectioned into rectangular strips (41.5 x 7.5 mm). Strips were subjected to one hour of SLC

at 5, 10 or 20% axial strain applied at a velocity of 2.5 mm/s. Additional intact strips were evaluated for tensile properties.

For all MSC-seeded studies, MSCs were isolated and cultured as previously described (Section 3.2.1). MSCs were then combined 1:1 with sterile type VII agarose to form constructs with a final seeding density of 20 million cells/mL. The cell-agarose solution was cast into small porous nylon webs at each end (**Figure 7-1C**) in 1.5 mm thick sheets and allowed to gel for 20 minutes at room temperature. Following gelation, strips (41.5 x 7.5 mm) were cut and maintained in CM supplemented with 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3 (CM+, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN) with media (6 mL/strip) changed twice weekly.

After 21 days, mechanical and biochemical properties were evaluated as in Sections 3.2.4, 3.2.5, 6.2.2. To determine optimal loading parameters, additional pre-matured (21 days) strips were subjected to 3 hours of sliding at 5, 10 or 20% axial strain at 2.5 mm/s (0.1 Hz). Sliding was applied in the presence (CM+) or absence (CM-) of TGF- β 3 with free-swelling controls cultured in parallel. Gene expression was assessed by real-time PCR directly after sliding as in Section 3.2.6. Samples for compression testing and gene expression were harvested from the loaded region of strips, while separate, intact strips were used for tensile testing. Two replicate experiments (with two different MSC isolations) were carried out with data from both experiments pooled. Cell viability after loading was assessed using the Live/Dead assay (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) for the 20% axial strain group.

From these preliminary studies, a loading regimen of 20% axial strain at 2.5 mm/s in CM+ media was used for subsequent long-term sliding experiments. After 21 days of pre-culture in CM+, strips were subjected to 21 days of sliding contact. Loading was applied for 3 hours daily, 5 days per week with free-swelling controls cultured in parallel. On days 21 and 42, strips were evaluated for tensile and compressive properties, as well as biochemical content and gene expression.

7.2.3 Histology and Immunohistochemistry

Paraffin sections (8 μ m) were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E, Sigma, St. Louis, MO), Alcian Blue (pH 1.0), or Picrosirius Red for cell distribution, sulfated proteoglycans and collagens, respectively. For immunohistochemistry, antigen retrieval was performed by incubating sections in proteinase K (20 μ g/mL in TE buffer, pH 8.0) at 37°C for 15 minutes, then at 25°C for 10 minutes. Collagens type I (MAB3391, Millipore, Billerica, MA) and type II (11-116B3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IA) primary antibodies were used. Subsequent reaction and visualization with DAB chromogen reagent (DAB150 IHC Select, Millipore, Billerica, MA) was carried out as in Section 3.2.8 (Huang et al. 2009). Color images were captured at 2.5X or 10X magnification using a microscope equipped with a color CCD digital camera and the QCapturePro acquisition software.

Depth-dependent inhomogeneity in matrix deposition was semi-quantitatively assessed on Alcian Blue and Picrosirius Red stains of construct cross-sections (Image J, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD). To carry out these analyses, color images were converted to 32-bit grayscale images. Each cross-section was divided into three layers of

equal thickness (surface, middle, deep). Mean intensity values were measured in the surface and deep layers (255: black, 0: white) of each construct.

7.2.4 Finite Element Analysis

A finite element model (FEM) was generated using experimentally-determined properties and geometries of day 21 MSC-seeded constructs (**Figure 7-4**). A biphasic, poroelastic material was used with incompressible fluid and solid phases. As fluid was allowed to exit and enter the construct, the volume of the overall mixture was not fixed. Sliding contact was modeled using an impermeable spherical indenter with a diameter of Ø25 mm. A velocity of 2.5 mm/s and an axial deformation of 20% was applied. The contact interface (between indenter and construct) was assumed to be frictionless and the bottom of the construct was fixed. Fluid was allowed to escape from the free boundaries not in direct contact with the indenter. FEM results were visualized using the FEBio Postview software.

7.2.5 Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed on mechanical and biochemical data using one way ANOVA. A two-way ANOVA was used to assess differences in gene expression, with independent variables of axial strain and media condition. Where significance was indicated by ANOVA, Tukey's posthoc tests were performed. Significance was determined at $p \leq 0.05$ and a trend toward significance determined at $p < 0.1$. All values are reported as mean \pm standard deviation.

7.3 Results

7.3.1 Sliding Contact Bioreactor Characterization

A displacement-controlled bioreactor was constructed to apply sliding contact (SLC) to hydrogel constructs via spherical indenters (**Figure 7-1A-D**). Indenter sizes ranging from Ø2-Ø25 mm were initially considered. Calculations derived from the indenter geometry (spherical) and an assumed axial deformation of 10% showed that increasing indenter diameter increased the contact area, while decreasing the strain rate for a given sliding velocity (**Figure 7-2A**). As indenter curvature was less steep with increasing diameter, strain rates were minimized with larger indenter sizes. Assuming an indenter size of Ø25 mm and 10% axial strain, sliding velocities of 2.5-20 mm/s were then considered. Strain rates generated at 20 mm/s reached nearly 200%/s while lower sliding velocities generated much lower strain rates (~25-50%/s, **Figure 7-2B**). From these initial calculations, an indenter diameter size of Ø25 mm and sliding velocity of 2.5 mm/s were incorporated into the bioreactor design and used for all experiments. As the sliding contact path was ~13 mm in length, the frequency of sliding was ~0.1 Hz.

In addition to the above considerations, a range of axial strains was also applied to assess the effects of SLC on chondrogenesis. Calculations based on Ø25 mm indenter size and 2.5 mm/s sliding velocity showed that increasing the applied axial strain (5-20%) also increased indenter contact area. Strain rate was also higher with increasing axial strain, with non-uniform strain rates generated throughout the displaced region. While strain rates were lowest at the center of the indented region (regardless of the applied strain),

strain rates increased with increasing distance from the center due to the curvature of the indenter (**Figure 7-2C, D**).

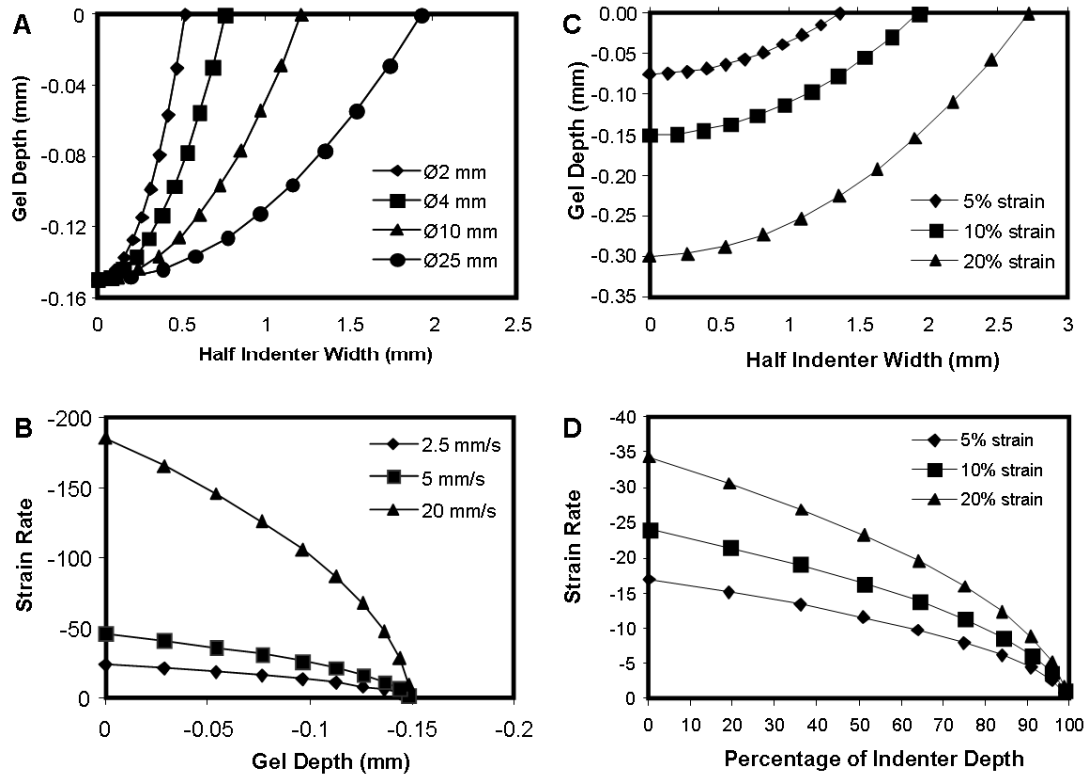


Figure 7-2: (A) Indenter displacement was calculated for a range of indenter diameters. (B) Strain rate was calculated for a range of sliding velocities. (C) Indenter displacement and (D) strain rate were calculated for axial displacements of 5, 10 and 20%.

After construction of the bioreactor system, initial studies were performed on acellular agarose constructs. Consistent with our previous studies (Huang et al. 2008), increasing agarose concentration resulted in a higher tensile modulus, without changing the ultimate strain (**Figure 7-3**). For both 2% and 6% acellular agarose constructs, ultimate tensile strain was $\sim 10\%$. Under chondrogenic culture, the tensile modulus of MSC-seeded constructs was higher at day 21 (compared to 2% agarose starting values) and was akin to that of the 6% acellular agarose constructs (~ 270 kPa). The ultimate strain also improved

by day 21 to ~40% as matrix was deposited (compared to ~10% starting values, **Figure 7-3**). Similarly, the compressive properties and biochemical content increased with time in culture (**Figure 7-4A**). Under SLC, both 2% and 6% acellular gels consistently fractured through the midline (along the sliding contact path) for all axial strains applied (not shown). Fracture was observed in all cases within a few minutes after initiation of loading. In contrast, pre-cultured MSC-seeded constructs remained intact after 3 hours of SLC at 20% axial strain. No adverse effects on cell viability was observed with SLC compared to free-swelling (FS) controls (**Figure 7-4B**). Based on these findings, MSC-seeded constructs were chondrogenically pre-cultured for 21 days prior to the initiation of sliding for subsequent studies.

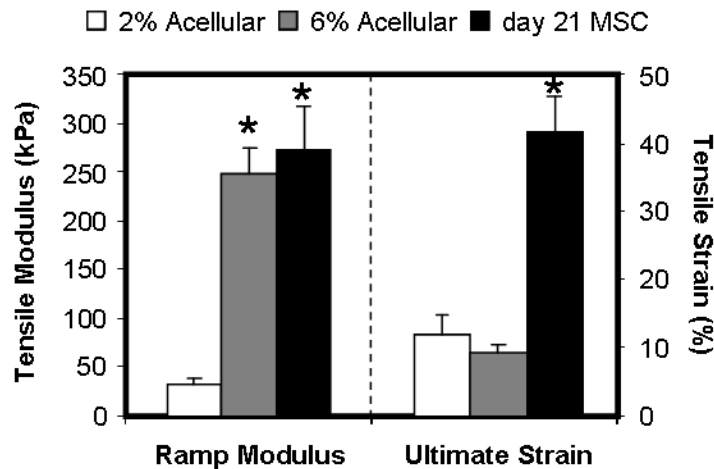


Figure 7-3: Tensile properties of acellular and MSC-seeded agarose constructs. While the tensile modulus increased with higher agarose concentration, the ultimate strain was comparable between 2% and 6% acellular agarose. After 21 days of culture in CM+, the tensile modulus of MSC-seeded constructs was the same as 6% agarose, but the ultimate strain was 4-fold higher compared to acellular constructs. * indicates greater than 2% agarose ($p < 0.05$). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of three samples per group per time point.

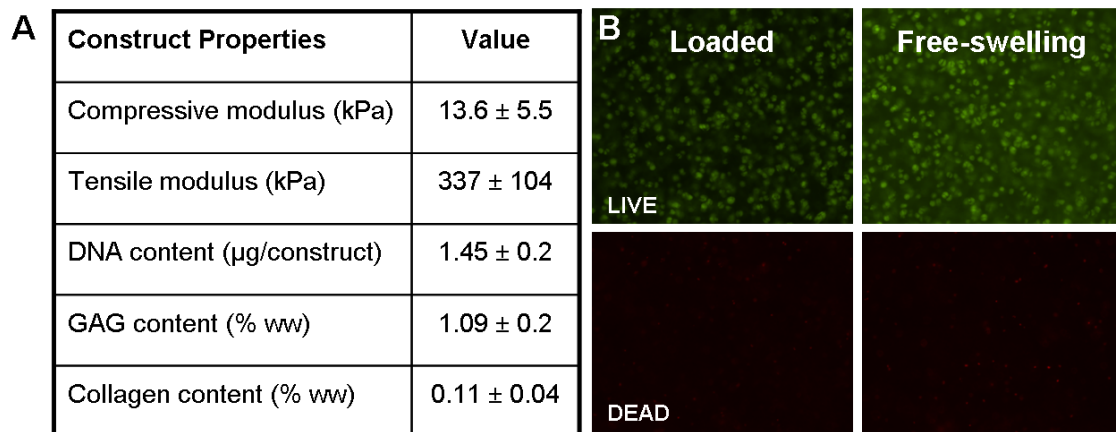


Figure 7-4: Mechanical and biochemical properties of MSC-seeded constructs cultured for 21 days in CM+ media. (A) Mechanical and biochemical properties improved with time in pro-chondrogenic culture. (B) Preliminary studies showed no adverse effect on cell viability when SLC was applied at 20% axial strain at 2.5 mm/s for 3 hours. Data represent the mean and standard deviation of six samples.

7.3.2 Chondrogenic Gene Expression in MSC-Seeded Constructs With Short-Term Application of Sliding Contact

To assess the effects of SLC on chondrogenic gene expression, loading was applied for 3 hours at 2.5 mm/s on MSC-seeded constructs following 21 days of pre-culture. Axial strains of 5%, 10% and 20% were evaluated and SLC was carried out in defined media in the presence (CM+) and absence (CM-) of TGF- β 3. When SLC was applied in CM-, collagen type II and aggrecan expression were higher in groups subjected to 20% axial strain, compared to FS. An axial strain-dependent effect was observed in SLC constructs in CM+. While 5% strain did not alter collagen type II or aggrecan expression, SLC at 10% axial compression improved the expression of both of these genes (trend, $p < 0.1$). Expression levels for these genes were further increased when SLC was applied at 20% strain, and were significantly higher compared to all other groups (**Figure 7-5**). An increase in proteoglycan 4 and collagen type I expression was only observed in SLC

constructs at 20% strain in CM+. As results from these studies demonstrated that SLC applied at 20% axial strain in CM+ was optimal for promoting chondrogenic gene expression, these parameters were employed for subsequent long-term studies.

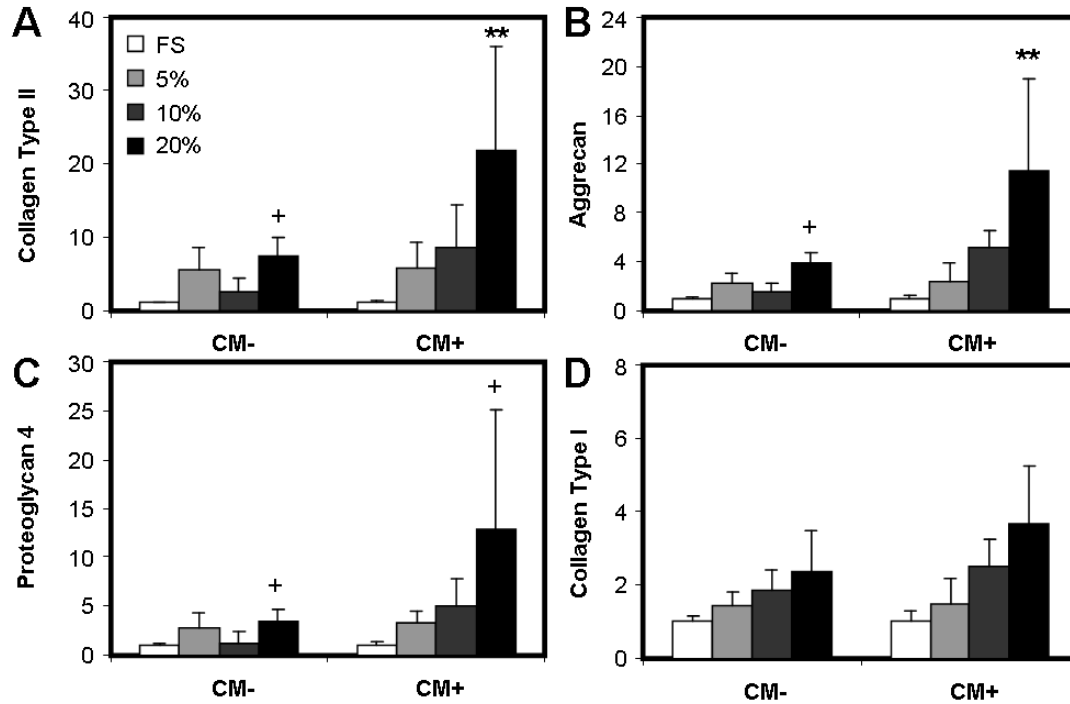


Figure 7-5: Cartilaginous gene expression with short-term application of SLC. (A) Collagen type II, (B) aggrecan, (C) proteoglycan 4 and (D) collagen type I gene expression was dependent on both media condition and axial strain. For all chondrogenic genes, expression was highest in CM+ with 20% axial strain. No significant difference was observed in collagen type I expression with SLC. Gene expression (normalized to GAPDH) was normalized to free-swelling controls within media type. At 20% axial strain, SLC applied in CM- was significantly lower compared to SLC applied in CM+. While SLC had some affect on PRG4 expression, the expression levels were much lower than collagen type II or aggrecan levels. Similarly, collagen type I expression was negligible compared to cartilaginous genes. Gene expression was normalized to GAPDH only. ** indicates greater than all within media condition (p<0.05), + indicates greater than free-swelling control within media condition (p<0.05). Data represent the mean and standard deviation of 4-6 samples per group per time point.

7.3.3 Functional Properties of MSC-Seeded Constructs After Long-Term Application of Sliding Contact

To evaluate whether long-term application of SLC could direct functional maturation, MSC-seeded constructs were subjected to 21 days of daily sliding contact (3 hours/day) following 21 days of pre-culture in CM+. By day 42, tensile properties were significantly greater compared to day 21, for both FS and SLC groups ($p < 0.05$). The tensile stiffness and tensile modulus both increased with SLC, reaching values of ~ 0.8 N/mm and ~ 750 kPa, respectively (compared with ~ 0.6 N/mm and ~ 600 kPa for FS, **Figure 7-6A, B**). Day 21 and day 42 values for ultimate tensile strain were similar; this measure was unchanged with SLC and remained at $\sim 40\%$ (not shown).

Although DNA content was lower in SLC compared to FS at day 42, it was comparable to day 21 starting values. Both GAG and collagen contents were higher in SLC compared to FS (trend $p < 0.1$); while GAG content was comparable in FS between days 42 and 21, collagen content was higher by day 42 ($p < 0.01$, **Figure 7-6C-E**).

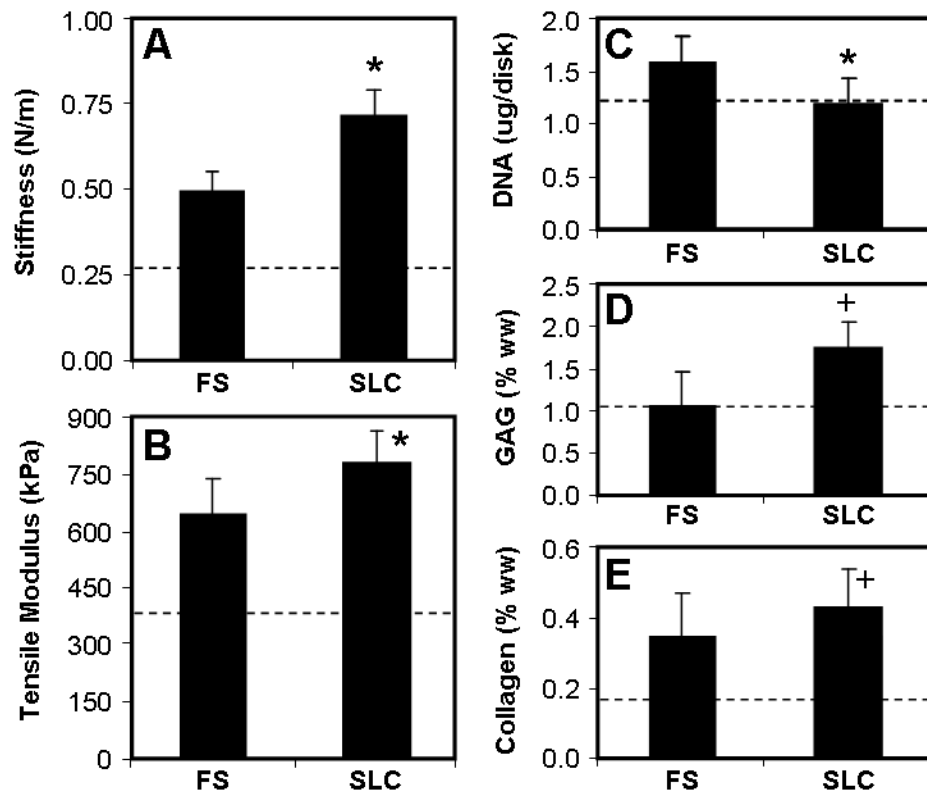


Figure 7-6: Mechanical and biochemical properties of MSC-seeded constructs after long-term application of SLC. (A) Tensile stiffness and (B) tensile modulus increased after 21 days of SLC. (C) DNA content ($\mu\text{g}/\text{construct}$) was lower for SLC compared to day 42 FS. Bulk measures of (D) GAG and (E) collagen content (% wet weight) were higher with SLC compared to FS at day 42. * indicates greater than day 42 controls ($p < 0.05$), + indicates greater than day 42 controls ($p < 0.1$). Data represent mean and standard deviation of six samples per group. Dashed line represents day 21 starting values.

7.3.4 Depth-Dependent Matrix Distribution in MSC-Seeded Constructs After Long-Term Sliding Contact

To assess whether matrix distribution was affected by SLC, cross-sections were stained with Alcian Blue to visualize proteoglycans (**Figure 7-7**), and staining intensity was quantified through the depth. Although bulk biochemical measures were not different with SLC (**Figure 7-6**), histological assessments showed distinct differences in depth-dependent matrix distribution at day 42. Alcian Blue intensity was comparable in the deep zones of FS and SLC constructs. While there was a slight increase in intensity at

the surface zones of FS constructs, the staining intensity at the surface of SLC constructs was much greater. Interestingly, while proteoglycan distribution was homogeneous through the depth in FS, type II collagen was non-uniform. The surface half of FS constructs exhibited even staining while the deep regions were marked by punctate type II collagen staining. In contrast, type II collagen was continuously distributed through the depth in SLC constructs; as with Alcian Blue stains, intense collagen staining was observed in the surface region (Figure 7-8).

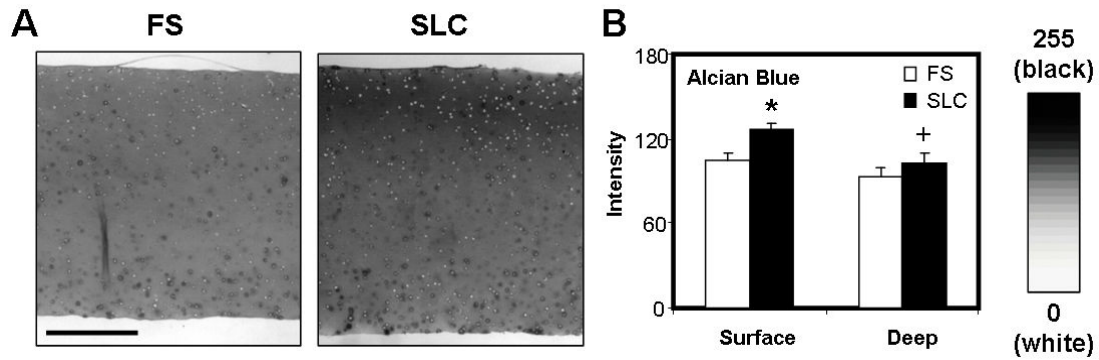


Figure 7-7: Depth-dependent distribution of ECM in MSC-seeded constructs after long-term application of SLC. Gray-scale images of (A) Alcian Blue stained cross-sections were assessed for zonal heterogeneity. (B) Intensity measurements at the surface zones were different between FS and SLC, with SLC constructs exhibiting more intense staining in the surface zone. Deep zone intensity measurements were not different between groups. * indicates higher than all values ($p < 0.05$). Data represent mean and standard deviation of six samples per group. Scale bar: 0.5 mm.

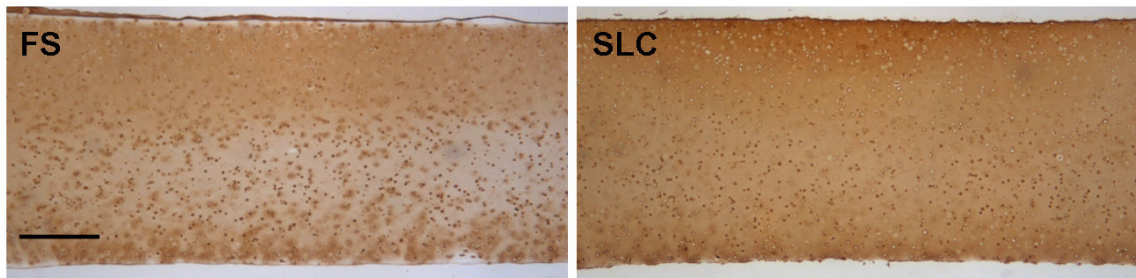


Figure 7-8: Type II collagen immunostaining of MSC-seeded constructs at day 42 showed more continuous distribution of collagen type II for SLC compared to FS. In addition, more intense staining was observed in the surface region of FS constructs. Scale bar: 0.5 mm.

7.3.5 Finite Element Modeling of Sliding Contact

A finite element model (FEM) was developed to better describe the mechanical signals imparted by SLC on MSC-seeded, pre-matured constructs. SLC was modeled using a 20% axial strain (y-direction), a sliding velocity of 2.5 mm/s and experimentally-derived construct properties at day 21 (**Figure 7-9A**). Physical signals were assessed at each of the nodes depicted in Figure 7A. FEM analysis of SLC demonstrated that fluid pressure was highest directly underneath the indenter (node 1). After indenter passage, fluid pressure at nodes 1 and 2 remained above baseline starting values (**Figure 7B**). In contrast, fluid pressure at node 4 remained at baseline levels throughout SLC. Interestingly, the regions of highest fluid flow did not extend to the outer edges of the construct; fluid flow in the z-direction was highest in nodes 2 and 3, and lowest in nodes 1 and 4 (**Figure 7-9C**). Increased tensile strain (x-strain) was observed at all nodes with SLC and was highest at node 1. Tensile strain was heterogeneous through the depth and primarily localized to the surface half of the construct (**Figure 7-9D**). As expected, the compressive strain (y-direction) was greatest directly under the indenter at 20% (**Figure 7-9E**), consistent with previous calculations (**Figure 7-2E**).

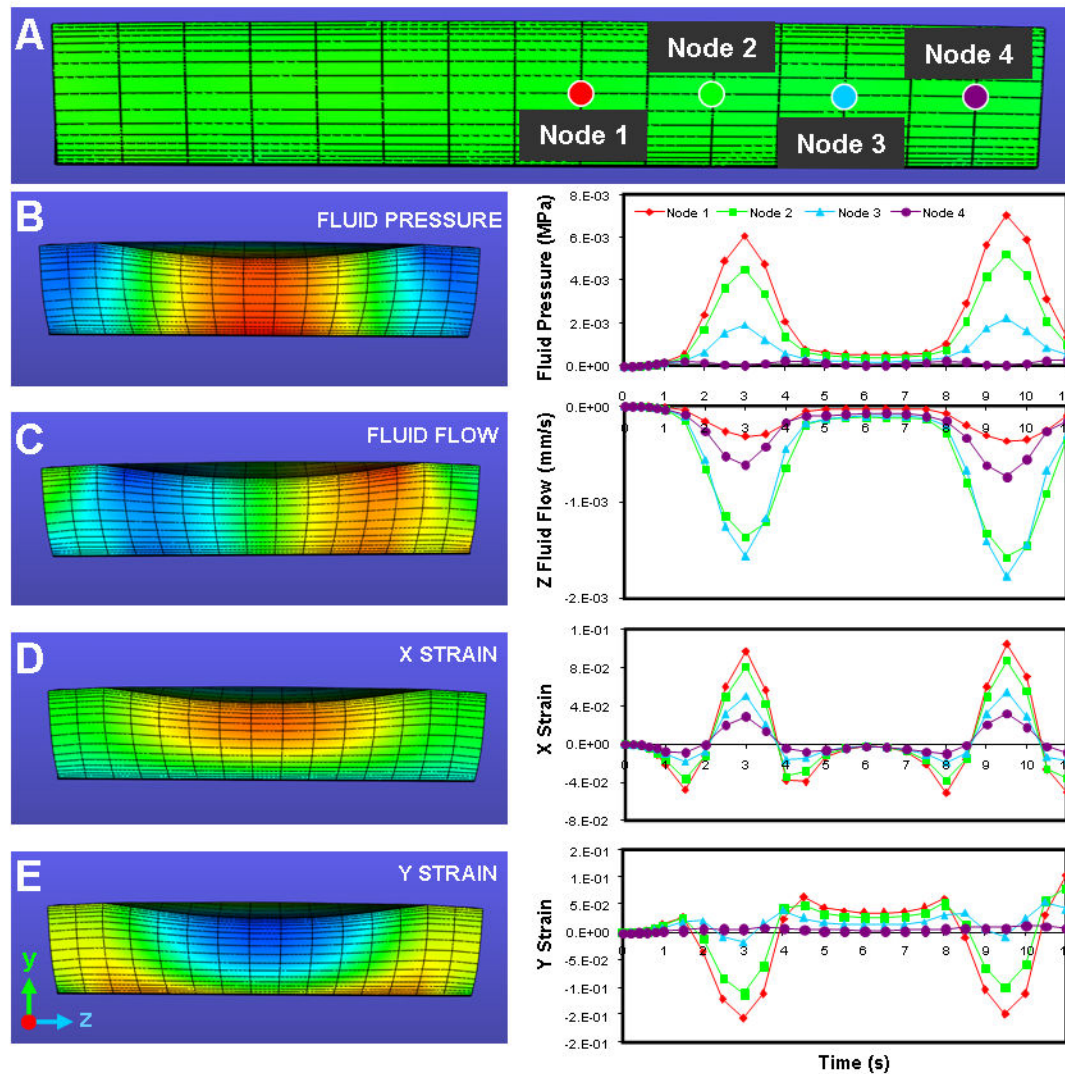


Figure 7-9: Modeling of spatial and temporal mechanobiologic signals arising from SLC on day 21 MSC-seeded constructs. (A) Location of nodes within construct. Cross-sectional views and graphical representations of (B) fluid pressure, (C) fluid flow, (D) x-strain (tensile) and (E) y-strain (compressive) as the indenter traveled along the construct length (time = 0-6) and back (time = 6-11). Length, depth and width of constructs are represented by x, y and z, respectively.

Fluid efflux/influx (y-direction) was also localized to the surface, but the pattern of flow was relatively complex compared to fluid flow in the x- and z-directions. In these directions, fluid moved symmetrically outward from the indenter during SLC and flow was not observed in the construct periphery (**Figure 7-10**). However, in the y-direction,

the pattern of flow was complicated by bulging at the construct periphery. With indenter passage (time = 3s), outward bulging was noted, coincident with influx of fluid at the surface (top view). Within the construct (cross-sectional view), fluid moved upward near these points. At time = 4s, the construct periphery recovered its initial dimensions and fluid efflux in the y-direction was noted at these regions. Within the construct at this time, fluid in the positive y-direction was localized to the central surface areas as the construct recovered from the applied axial deformation (**Figure 7-10**).

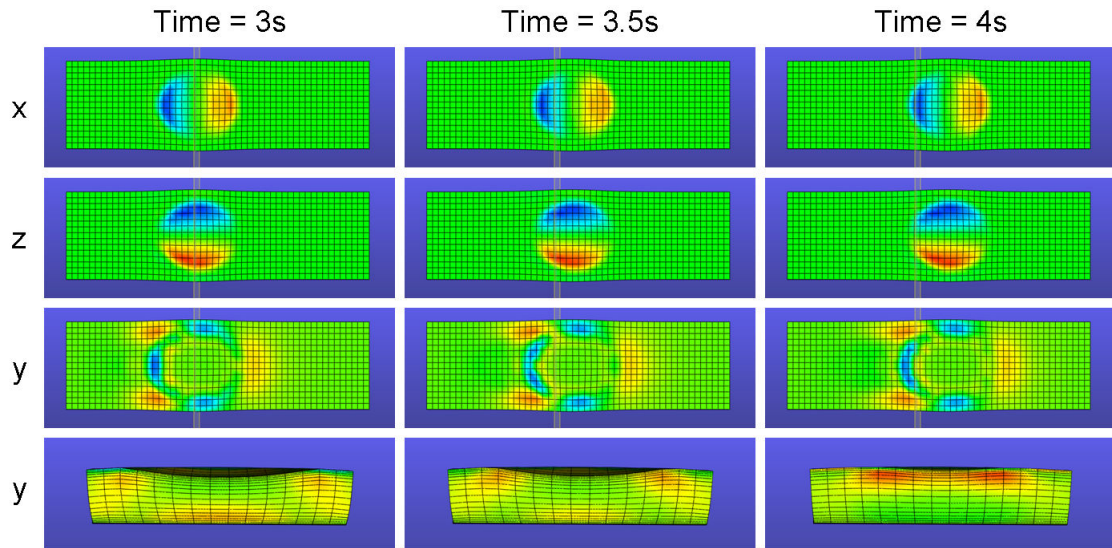


Figure 7-10: Modeling of spatial and temporal mechanobiologic signals arising from SLC on day 21 MSC-seeded constructs. Top view of fluid flow in the (First row) x-direction (Second row) z-direction and (Third row) y-direction. (Fourth row) Cross-sectional view of y-direction fluid flow.

7.4 Discussion

In Chapter 4, we showed that long-term mechanical stimulation of MSC-seeded constructs via dynamic compressive loading (initiated after a period of chondrogenic pre-culture) improved the compressive properties of these constructs and enhanced matrix distribution. Though these results were encouraging and showed that chondrogenically differentiated MSCs are able to translate mechanical signals to generate constructs with higher functional properties, several limitations remained. For example, the collagen content and those properties associated with collagen content (such as the dynamic compressive properties) were quite low relative to the native tissue. These studies were also not designed to instill key hallmark properties of articular cartilage (inhomogeneity and anisotropy) or to examine developing tensile properties. As these characteristic properties arise during cartilage maturation with the advent of physiologic loading, we hypothesized that a more representative loading environment may be required. To test this hypothesis, we constructed and characterized a novel sliding contact bioreactor to better replicate the mechanical loading environment within the knee joint.

During physiologic loading, the majority of the applied load is supported by pressurization of the interstitial fluid, which shields the solid matrix from excessive deformation. Theoretical predictions suggest that this fluid load support is enhanced by a large migrating contact area, which enables sustained fluid pressurization over a larger contact region (Ateshian et al. 1995; Caligaris et al. 2008). The same phenomenon is observed for higher indenter deformation (given a relatively large indenter radius), as this also leads to greater contact areas. Notably, this is only true for curved indenters, as

increasing the load applied with a flat indenter would not affect the contact area. With these considerations in mind, we designed our bioreactor system with spherical indenters and a moving contact area. Calculations were performed varying the indenter diameter, the travel velocity and the applied axial deformation to assess contact areas and strain rates, in order to best replicate *in vivo* conditions.

Using this sliding contact bioreactor system, initial short term loading studies showed that chondrogenic gene expression was dependent on the applied axial deformation and TGF- β 3 supplementation. Aggrecan and collagen type II gene expression was enhanced under 20% axial deformation within both media conditions, but was greatest in the presence of TGF- β 3. This was consistent with our previous studies in Chapter 4 showing that long-term improvements in functional chondrogenesis was only observed when TGF- β 3 was present. Interestingly, human MSC-seeded fibrin-polyurethane sponges subjected to simultaneous compression and shear responded positively to loading only in the absence of TGF- β 1 (Li et al. 2009). While chondrogenic gene expression was higher in groups treated with TGF- β 1, no additional effect was observed with loading when exogenous TGF- β 1 was present. This important difference may be due to the type of biomaterial used as MSCs within a fibrin-polyurethane composite construct may experience and translate mechanical signals differently than MSCs encapsulated within agarose, an inert biomaterial that maintains cells in an isolated, rounded morphology. In addition, the bioreactor system used in those studies is distinct from the current system, in that shear loading is superimposed on dynamic compressive loading. Though not

described, the physical signals arising from such a system is likely to be very different compared to the system used in the current work.

Based on our short-term studies, we then applied long-term sliding contact using optimized parameters (20% axial deformation with 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3) and showed that after 3 weeks of loading, the tensile properties and biochemical content of MSC-based constructs were improved compared to non-loaded controls. We also observed biochemical inhomogeneity within the constructs subjected to sliding, with collagen type II localized to the surface region. Unexpectedly, inhomogeneity in proteoglycan distribution mirrored that of collagen, which is inconsistent with the structure of native articular cartilage, where proteoglycans are primarily localized to the middle and deep zones. These results suggest that sliding contact may therefore have a general stimulatory effect in this surface region. FEM analysis showed that the physical signals arising from sliding contact were indeed depth-dependent. Tensile strains and fluid influx/efflux in particular were localized to the surface regions, though compressive strains were non-uniform through the depth. In contrast, fluid pressure and fluid flow in the lateral directions spanned the construct depth. The tensile strains generated with sliding also exhibited direction-dependence with tensile strains of >10% observed parallel to the sliding direction. Interestingly, preliminary experiments with acellular agarose constructs showed that fracturing along the midline (parallel to the sliding direction) occurred soon after the initiation of sliding contact. While the tensile moduli of acellular constructs differed, the ultimate tensile strains were consistently 10%. As proof of principle, day 21 MSC-based constructs (ultimate tensile strain: ~40%) were able to

withstand hours of repeated loading, suggesting that the physical cues predicted by FEM analysis were reflected in our sliding contact system.

As indicated by FEM, the mechanical environment experienced by the cells in the surface half of constructs is complex. Tensile and compressive strains are both present, along with symmetric fluid pressure and non-symmetric fluid flow. While chondrocyte (Buschmann et al. 1995; Mauck et al. 2000; Mauck et al. 2002; Lima et al. 2007) and MSC (Huang et al. 2004; Mauck et al. 2007; Mouw et al. 2007; Thorpe et al. 2008; Huang et al. 2010) response under applied compressive strains is relatively well documented, fewer studies have assessed the effect of tensile strains in a cartilage tissue engineering context. In general, dynamic compressive loading enhances chondrogenic gene expression and in the case of chondrocytes, improves GAG content. Previous work applying dynamic tensile loading to chondrocyte-seeded fibrin showed reduced proteoglycan synthesis with loading (Connelly et al. 2004). Interestingly, tensile loading to superficial zone chondrocytes seeded in fibrin promoted proteoglycan synthesis, while the same loading applied to deep zone chondrocytes did not (Vanderploeg et al. 2008). When cyclic tension was applied to MSCs seeded in collagen-GAG scaffolds, the rate of GAG synthesis was enhanced (McMahon et al. 2008). In another study using MSC-seeded fibrin, proteoglycan synthesis was only enhanced during early stages of tensile loading while protein synthesis remained elevated at later stages (Connelly et al. 2010); collagen type I expression was also stimulated while no change was observed in collagen type II or aggrecan expression, consistent with a fibrocartilaginous phenotype. Although we observed a small increase in collagen type I expression with sliding contact, we saw a

far greater response in collagen type II and aggrecan expression levels. Collectively, these studies show that both compressive and tensile deformations applied to MSC-seeded constructs can enhance GAG and collagen content, consistent with the results of the current study.

While the tensile properties and collagen content improved with sliding contact by 25% and 15%, respectively, the values reached are still far lower than that of articular cartilage. Because the collagen content was relatively poor, collagen orientation was not readily assessed by polarized light microscopy and preliminary analysis of collagen alignment showed no differences between groups. It is possible that 3 weeks of sliding was insufficient and longer-term loading will be required to enhance collagen anisotropy. Alternative methods of analysis, such as FT-IRIS (Bi et al. 2005) or second harmonic imaging microscopy (Stoller et al. 2002), may also be used to capture early changes in collagen alignment that were not evident from polarized light microscopy analysis. In this study, tensile properties were only assessed parallel to the sliding direction; however these properties may also be assessed perpendicular to the sliding direction to evaluate the development of mechanical anisotropy.

While we chose a 3 week pre-culture duration based on our previous studies using dynamic compression, a longer pre-culture duration may enhance baseline construct properties prior to the initiation of sliding and lead to better outcomes. While compressive properties plateau after 3 weeks, tensile properties continue to increase past this timepoint, due to reduced rates of matrix accumulation. This is likely due to

differences in construct geometries, as the diffusion limitations in rectangular agarose strips is more severe compared to agarose cylinders. To overcome these limitations, dynamic culture conditions (agitation of media) may be investigated for future work. In addition, the presence of agarose itself may limit the extent of matrix remodeling as agarose is an inert biomaterial and does not degrade. The morphology of chondrocytes in the superficial zone of native cartilage is flattened in shape and oriented parallel to the surface; agarose may prevent cells from adopting this morphology. As a rounded phenotype is necessary for proper chondrogenic induction, a hydrogel that evolves with time in culture is ideal. Recent work suggests that hydrogels containing hydrolytically or MMP-degradable components enhance collagen deposition by increasing pore-size over time (Bryant et al. 2003; Chung et al. 2009). It may be that the use of these novel biomaterials will better enable MSC-mediated matrix remodeling in response to sliding contact.

CHAPTER 8: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING FOR MODULATORS OF MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL CHONDROGENESIS

8.1 Introduction

Adult bone marrow derived MSCs are a multi-potential and self-renewing cell type that can be induced to differentiate along a variety of tissue-specific pathways, including cartilage (chondrogenesis) and bone (osteogenesis). Given their chondrogenic potential, MSCs are a promising cell source for investigating skeletal developmental paradigms and cartilage tissue engineering applications. Indeed, recent studies have shown that MSCs undergo chondrogenesis in 3D environments, such as fibrous networks, porous foams, and hydrogels (Angele et al. 1999; Huang et al. 2004; Li et al. 2005; Mauck et al. 2006), and deposit a cartilage-like ECM. However, the quantity and functional capacity of ECM formed by chondrogenic MSCs is reduced relative to the ECM formed by fully differentiated chondrocytes cultured under identical conditions (Mauck et al. 2006; Huang et al. 2008). Thus, further work is necessary to optimize MSC chondrogenesis for engineering replacement tissues.

A better understanding of the signaling pathways underlying MSC differentiation is critical to understanding functional chondrogenesis. To date, growth factors have been widely used to induce chondrogenesis, however, the molecular mechanisms involved in this phenotypic conversion are only partially defined. Several studies have used synthetic molecules to investigate signaling pathways known to be involved in cartilage development or chondrocyte biosynthesis to determine their functional roles in MSC differentiation. For example, MAPK and Wnt signaling pathways have been implicated

in TGF- β 1-mediated chondrogenesis (Tuli et al. 2002; Tuli et al. 2003), and synthetic MAPK inhibitors block pellet formation. It has also been shown that Insulin-Like Growth Factor-1 (IGF-1) activates the PI3K pathway during chondrogenesis, while induction by TGF- β 1 does not (McMahon et al. 2008). In micromass cultures of limb-bud cells (a related, but distinct, cell type), synthetic compounds that inhibit Rac and ROCK activity alter chondrogenic progression (Woods et al. 2005; Woods et al. 2007). Disruption of cytoskeletal dynamics in these same cells with cytochalasin D and colchicine can also influence chondrogenesis (Woods et al. 2006). Analogous to results from chondrocyte de- and re-differentiation studies (Brown et al. 1988), actin cytoskeleton disruption improves the chondrogenic differentiation of embryonic stem cells (Zhang et al. 2006). More recently, investigators have taken an informed approach by identifying factors involved in MSC chondrogenesis. For example, expression analysis suggests a decrease in retinoic acid receptor β is associated with chondrogenesis; subsequent treatment with a synthetic inhibitor (LE135) of this pathway induced chondrogenesis via a Sox 9-independent pathway (Kafienah et al. 2007). These studies demonstrate that a clearer understanding of the molecular mechanisms governing MSC chondrogenesis may provide insight into methods for optimizing functional differentiation, and that small molecule modulators will be critical in these efforts.

While induction of MSC chondrogenesis is well-defined using existing protocols and media formulations, the capacity and potency of alternative factors to regulate chondrogenesis remains largely unexplored. Although several studies have examined the chondrogenic effects of various combinations of growth factors and media supplements,

they have been limited in scope since execution, maintenance, and analysis remains a laborious and time-consuming process (Awad et al. 2003; Indrawattana et al. 2004; Toh et al. 2005; Estes et al. 2006; Im et al. 2006; Longobardi et al. 2006). Most chondrogenesis assays require a ‘macro’ pellet (>225,000 cells in 200 μ L of media) cultured in individual tubes to ensure sufficient ECM for subsequent quantification steps. Given this pellet size, the screening of large chemical libraries or numerous conditions is impractical; for example, a single screen of the >200,000 compounds in the NIH Small Molecule Repository (SMR) would require ~46 billion cells from a single donor. Recent efforts in minimizing handling have used 96-well conical plates (Penick et al. 2005; Welter et al. 2007); however, cell number in each pellet and time required to analyze differentiation end-points remains a limiting factor.

These limitations may be overcome by high-throughput screening (HTS), wherein the simultaneous layout and query of a large number of conditions may be realized within a single plate. HTS depends on the use of robotic liquid handling systems and on the development of sensitive and readily quantifiable assays (Walters et al. 2003). In a typical screen, a drug target or model system is reacted against a large range of chemicals contained in a compound library. Identified agents that modulate pathways of biologic interest are then verified via secondary confirmatory assays and characterization of dosage response. Numerous chemical libraries, such as the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) library and the Library of Pharmacologically Active Compounds (LOPAC), contain small molecules of known pharmacologic activity. Additionally, the recently developed SMR is populated by a vast

number of compounds with unknown activity. Few studies have assayed these libraries to study MSC differentiation towards skeletal phenotypes with HTS methods. One recent study used zebrafish as a model to screen >5000 compounds from commercial libraries and identified dorsomorphin, an inhibitor of bone morphogenic protein (BMP) type I receptor signaling (Yu et al. 2008). HTS was also used to identify osteogenic suppressors in MSC monolayers using an siRNA library (Zhao et al. 2007) and the osteogenic inducer purmorphamine from a custom chemical library (Wu et al. 2002). These studies illustrate the power of HTS for identifying new compounds. However, chondrogenic differentiation protocols are more complicated than the assays used to date and require specific adaptation of the standard protocol to be useful in HTS. This is the first report of a high-throughput assay for screening MSC chondrogenesis.

An HTS assay for chondrogenesis would enable the rapid optimization of effective media formulations for tissue engineering and would provide a platform for pharmaceutical screening to identify new chemical agents for the treatment of musculoskeletal pathologies. To optimize cell culture and assay procedures to enable high throughput screening of MSC chondrogenesis, we have focused on minimizing the cell number required, manual handling, and culture durations. A novel in-well digestion protocol was developed to enable rapid post-processing and to further minimize handling. In addition, a precise and robotic approach for layout, culture, and analysis of ECM deposition using ‘micro’ MSC pellets (10,000 cells in 50 μ L of media) in a 384-well format was validated. Following validation in this 384-well format, a combinatorial study analyzing the chondrogenic effects of TGF- β 3, BMP-2, IGF-1, Fibroblast Growth Factor-2 (FGF-2)

and their combinations (81 combinations) using three different doses per growth factor (none, low, high) was executed. Finally, we carried out an initial screen of the NINDS small molecule library containing 1040 known compounds and demonstrated the feasibility of this technology for use in HTS for potential effectors of chondrogenesis. These methods and results provide a new approach to the rapid identification of compounds that influence chondrogenic fate decisions by MSCs.

8.2 Materials and Methods

8.2.1 HTS Assay Development

8.2.1a Minimization of Pellet Size, Media Exchange, and In-Well Analysis

MSC pellets were formed via centrifugation (300×g) for five minutes in conical 96-well polypropylene plates (Nalge Nunc International, Rochester, NY). Pellets contained 225,000, 150,000, 75,000, 30,000 and 15,000 MSCs with all assays performed in triplicate. Each pellet was maintained in 150 µL of CM. Pellets were cultured with (CM+) or without (CM-) 10ng/mL TGF-β3 (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN) for 7 days, with media changed twice, once or not at all. Three replicate experiments were carried out with consistent results (one replicate shown). On day 7, pellets were digested with direct addition of 30 µL concentrated papain solution (8.96 units/mL in 0.1M sodium acetate, 10M cysteine HCL, 0.05M EDTA, pH 6.0) into each well. Plates were sealed with optical adhesive covers (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) and incubated in a 60°C waterbath overnight. To assess GAG content, 40 µL of digestate was manually combined with 250 µL of dimethylmethylene blue (DMMB) reagent and absorbance read at 540/595nm (Farndale et al. 1986). In a separate study, cartilage gene expression was

evaluated in pellets of different sizes (30,000 and 225,000 cells/pellet) with culture as above with no media changes. After 7 days, pellets were combined and gene expression analyzed via real-time PCR as in (Mauck et al. 2006). For gene expression analysis, 18 pellets (30K pellet size) or 3 pellets (225K pellet size) were pooled for each sample with n=3 samples per group assessed. PCR amplification was carried out with primers specific for aggrecan and type II collagen and expression was normalized to the housekeeping gene glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH).

8.2.1b Inhibition of Chondrogenesis with IL-1 β

To confirm that chemical screens may be performed, Interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β , R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN), a known inhibitor of chondrogenesis, was used to block the chondrogenic effect of TGF- β 3 (Majumdar et al. 2001). Large (225,000) and small (30,000) pellets were formed as described above in 96-well plates in 150 μ L of CM- or CM+ media supplemented with IL-1 β at 0, 0.1, 1.0, 10.0 ng/mL. Pellets were cultured with no media changes and GAG content assessed on day 7.

8.2.1c Assessing DMSO Sensitivity

To assess the sensitivity of MSCs to dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), a common solvent in chemical libraries, small pellets (30,000) were formed in 96-well plates and exposed to CM- or CM+ media in the presence of graded concentrations of DMSO (0%, 0.10%, 0.25%, 0.50%, 0.75%, 1 %) for 7 days. GAG and DNA content was assessed via the DMMB and PicoGreen assays, respectively. The PicoGreen dsDNA assay (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) was carried out by reacting 10 μ L of digested sample with 100 μ L

of PicoGreen working reagent (50 μ L PicoGreen reagent, 500 μ L 20X TE buffer, 9.45mL deionized water) (Huang et al. 2008). Following a five minute incubation in the dark, plates were read at 480nm excitation/520 nm emission (Bio-Tek Synergy HT Multi-Mode Microplate Reader).

8.2.1d Automation of Layout and Analysis in 384-well Format

For optimization of culture and analysis techniques in a 384-well format for HTS, a stream-lined protocol for chondrogenesis was applied (**Figure 8-1**). Total media volume and cell number was further reduced from 96-well procedures by a factor of three. Cells were dispensed automatically using a Matrix Technologies WellMate system with 10,000 cells pelleted in 50 μ L of CM in 384-well conical plates (Greiner Bio-One, San Diego, CA). After centrifugation (5 minutes at 300 \times g), pellets were cultured for 7 days in CM- or CM+, with a Breathe-Easy membrane (Research Products International Corp, Mt. Prospect, IL) sealing all wells to minimize evaporation and allow for gas exchange. After culture for 7 days, the Breathe-Easy membrane was removed and in-well digestion was performed by automated addition of 10 μ L of concentrated papain solution (3.36 units/mL) using the WellMate system. Plates were then sealed with ArctiSeal sealing mats (ArcticWhite LLC, Bethlehem, PA) and incubated in a 60°C waterbath as described above. Subsequently, a robotic liquid handling system (PerkinElmer Evolution P3 Pipetting Platform) mixed and transferred 10 μ L of the digestate to a new flat-bottomed 384-well assay plate (Corning Inc., Corning, NY), and the GAG assay was performed by reaction with 60 μ L DMMB dye solution as described above (PerkinElmer Envision 2102

Multilabel Reader). DNA content was similarly assessed by reaction of 1 μ L of digestate with 10 μ L of PicoGreen working reagent.

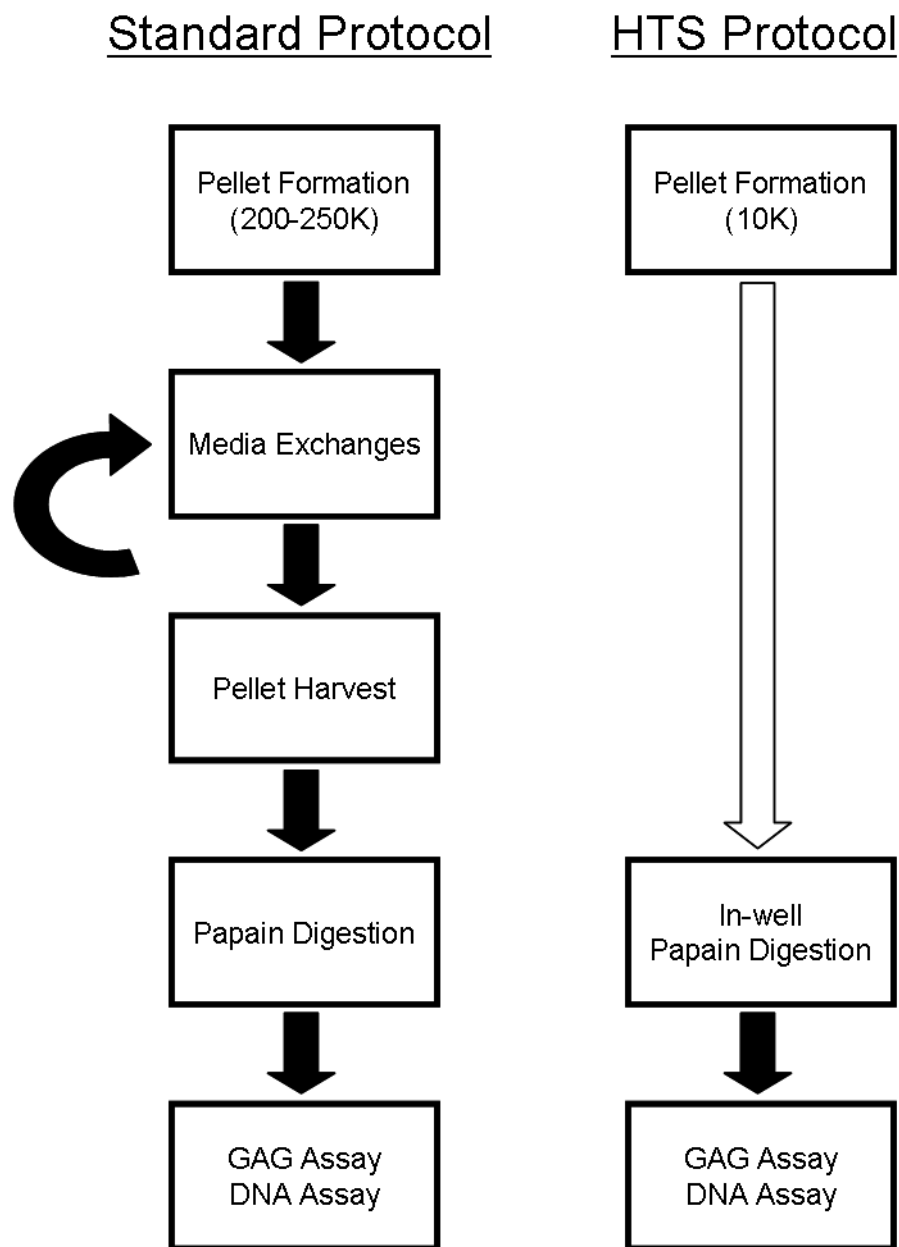


Figure 8-1: Schematic of chondrogenesis protocols. Flow diagram of the standard chondrogenesis protocol and the HTS-optimized chondrogenesis protocol with each handling step represented by a black arrow. White arrow indicates where handling steps have been eliminated.

8.2.2 Growth Factor Combinatorial Screen

To demonstrate the feasibility of assaying combinations of multiple growth factors at varying dosages, a screen was carried out using TGF- β 3, BMP-2 (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN), IGF-1 (Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ) and FGF-2 (Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ). The effects of three different concentrations (none, low, high) were assessed for each growth factor. For TGF- β 3 and FGF-2, the low and high concentrations were chosen as 1 ng/mL and 10 ng/mL, respectively. Low and high concentrations of BMP-2 and IGF-1 were chosen as 10 ng/mL and 100 ng/mL. Growth factor concentrations were selected based on previous studies of MSC chondrogenesis (Barry et al. 2001; Solchaga et al. 2005; Toh et al. 2005; Estes et al. 2006). The chondrogenic and proliferative effects of each growth factor was assessed alone and in combinations of two, three and four growth factors at all dosages for a total number of 81 groups (n=16 pellets per group). To carry out this study, MSCs were pelleted in 384-well plates as described above with 10,000 cells in 30 μ L CM-. Growth factors were dispensed via automation at 5 μ L volumes to achieve desired concentrations in 50 μ L. CM- medium (5-20 μ L) was dispensed into wells containing three or fewer growth factors to bring the final volume per well to 50 μ L. Papain digestion was executed as described above. An initial analysis of GAG deposition indicated that for certain combinations of growth factors, the amount of GAG accumulated exceeded the measurable range when assayed using our standard volume ratios. Therefore, the DMMB assay was performed by combining 5 μ L of digestate with 80 μ L of DMMB dye. The DNA assay was performed via automation as described above.

8.2.3 NINDS Library Screen

After confirming assay sensitivity in the 384-well culture format and showing robustness of chondrogenesis in the presence of DMSO, HTS was performed using the NINDS library (1040 compounds, listed at <http://www.msdiscovery.com/ninds.html>) of small molecules. To execute this study, micro-pellets were formed as above in conical 384-well plates with 10,000 cells in 45 μ L of CM- or CM+ media. Compounds from the NINDS library were prepared by diluting 10 mM stock solutions in CM-. Diluted compound solutions (5 μ L) were added to achieve a final concentration of 10 μ M in 50 μ L (0.1% final DMSO concentration). Media only (CM-) and cell only (in CM- or CM+) controls were maintained in each plate. Papain digestion and GAG assays were performed via automation as described above. Possible inducers of chondrogenesis (CM- “hits”) were identified by selecting values above a threshold (150% of average CM- control values) in CM-. Possible inhibitors (CM+ “hits”) were identified by selecting values below a threshold (50% of average CM+ control values) in CM+. DNA content of the identified inhibitors was assessed to identify compounds that were cytotoxic rather than anti-chondrogenic. Compounds that reduced DNA content by more than 40% compared to CM+ control values were considered cytotoxic.

8.2.4 Statistical Analysis

For the following studies, data was analyzed via two way ANOVA with significance set at $p < 0.05$. For cell pellet minimization studies, pellet size and media condition were the independent variables. For IL-1 β inhibition studies, IL-1 β concentration and media

condition were the independent variables. For DMSO sensitivity studies, DMSO concentration and media condition were set as the independent variables. Where significance was indicated by ANOVA analysis, Tukey's posthoc testing was carried out to enable comparisons between groups. For the growth factor combinations study, one way ANOVA was performed. Due to the large number of conditions, where significance was indicated by ANOVA analysis, posthoc testing was performed with Bonferroni corrections and significance set at $p < 0.05$. Assay sensitivities in 96-well and 384-well formats were assessed via Z-factor analysis (Zhang et al. 1999).

8.3 Results

8.3.1 Minimization of Cell Number and Media Exchange

In order for HTS to be conducted practically and efficiently, screening assays must use a minimum number of cells and limited handling steps. We therefore optimized a standard MSC chondrogenesis assay for HTS, using GAG content as the measure for chondrogenesis. In these optimization studies, GAG content was dependent on both cell pellet size ($p < 0.001$) and the presence of TGF- β 3 in the media ($p < 0.001$). Increasing cell number/pellet increased GAG content of pellets maintained in either media with (CM+) or without (CM-) TGF- β 3 (**Figure 8-2A**). Above 15,000 cells/pellet, differences in GAG became appreciable, with higher levels in CM+ pellets compared to CM- ($p < 0.05$). Normalizing GAG content to cell number showed that deposition was most efficient in CM+ at 30,000 cells/pellet or lower, regardless of media changes (**Figure 8-2B**). At 30,000 cells/pellet, the assay Z-factor was 0.6 (excellent). Expression of aggrecan and collagen II mRNAs by quantitative rt-PCR showed at least 4-fold and 10-fold increases,

respectively, in CM+ compared to CM- at both sizes, confirming MSC chondrogenesis at the transcriptional level (Fig 8-2C, D).

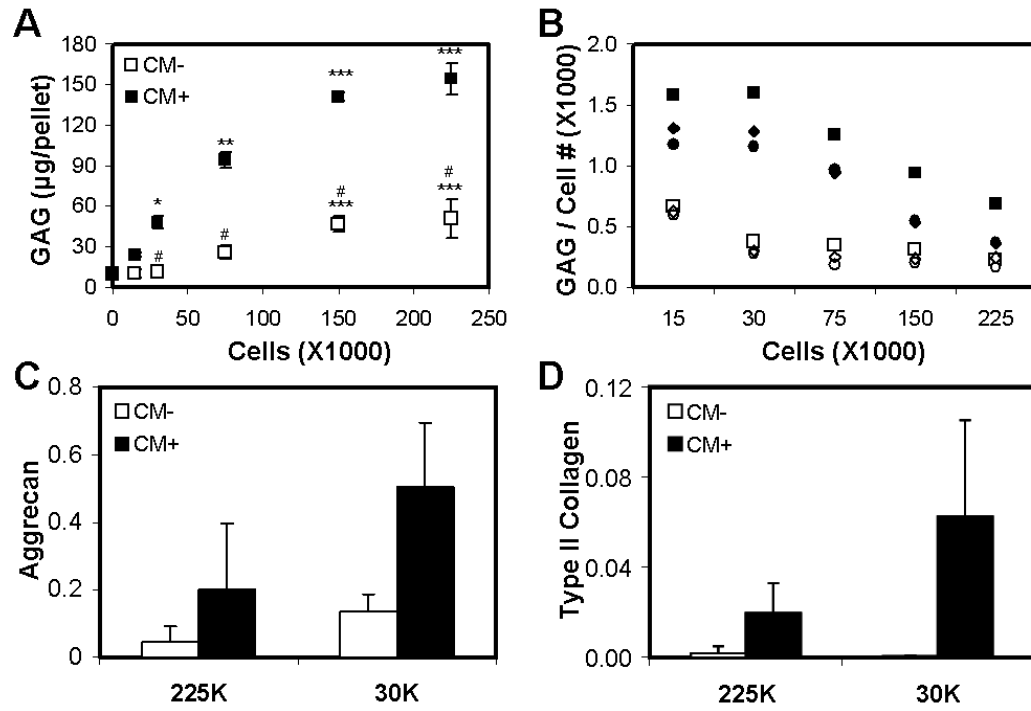


Figure 8-2: GAG deposition and cartilage gene expression with variation in pellet size, media exchange and media condition. (A) GAG content with increasing pellet size (no media change). (B) GAG content normalized to cell number. CM- or CM+ media (white or black markers) were changed twice, once or not at all (circles, diamonds or squares); increasing stars indicate greater than previous cell number within medium type ($p < 0.05$), # lower than CM+ of corresponding pellet size ($p < 0.001$), $n = 3$. (C) Aggrecan and (D) type II collagen gene expression of large (225,000 cells/pellet) and small (30,000 cells/pellet) pellets, $n = 3$.

8.3.2 Optimization of Culture and Analysis for 384-Well Format

To further reduce handling for HTS and enable robotic liquid dispensing, automated layout and analysis procedures were validated in micro-pellets (10,000 cells/pellet) in 384-well plates, with GAG content results similar to those found with large (225,000 cells/pellet) and small (30,000 cells/pellet) pellets in 96-well plates. In this 384-well format, GAG content was 62 ± 6 μg/pellet in CM+ compared to 8 ± 3 μg/pellet in CM-

($p=0.00025$). Z-factor analysis showed that the assay sensitivity remained excellent ($Z=0.6$).

8.3.3 Effect of Combinations of TGF- β 3, BMP-2, IGF-1 and FGF-2 on MSC Chondrogenesis

To assess the effects of different growth factors, their combinations and their doses, we carried out an aggressive combinatorial study comprised of four growth factors (TGF- β 3, BMP-2, IGF-1 and FGF-2) at three doses (**Figure 8-3A**). When MSC pellets were cultured with a single growth factor, FGF-2, TGF- β 3 and BMP-2 at both high and low doses enhanced GAG deposition compared to CM- controls ($p<0.025$, **Figure 8-3B**). IGF-1 had no discernible effect on GAG production at either dose ($p>0.13$, **Figure 8-3B**). When pellets were cultured with combinations of two growth factors, the effect on matrix accumulation became less clear, although all combinations yielded higher GAG values compared to CM- ($p<0.001$). While the high dose of BMP-2 showed a strong combinatorial effect with TGF- β 3 and FGF-2 at both doses ($p<0.001$), the same effect was not found with the low dose of BMP-2 ($p>0.05$, **Figure 8-3C**). Combinations of IGF-1 or FGF-2 with TGF- β 3 or BMP-2 yielded mixed results. A low dose of IGF-1 with a high dose of TGF- β 3 enhanced GAG deposition ($p<0.001$), but IGF-1 had no effect on TGF- β 3 activity when TGF- β 3 was provided at the low dose ($p>0.4$, **Figure 8-3D**). Similarly, a low dose of IGF-1 enhanced the chondrogenic effect of low dose BMP-2 ($p<0.025$), but did not enhance high dose BMP-2 activity ($p>0.75$). Combinations of low dose TGF- β 3 with both doses of FGF-2 improved GAG production compared to the low dose of TGF- β 3 alone ($p<0.02$); however these values did not reach high dose TGF-

$\beta 3$ levels ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 8-3D**). Interestingly, combinations of FGF-2 and IGF-1 at any dose significantly increased GAG accumulation compared to FGF-2 alone, IGF-1 alone, or low dose TGF- $\beta 3$ ($p < 0.005$, **Figure 8-3E**).

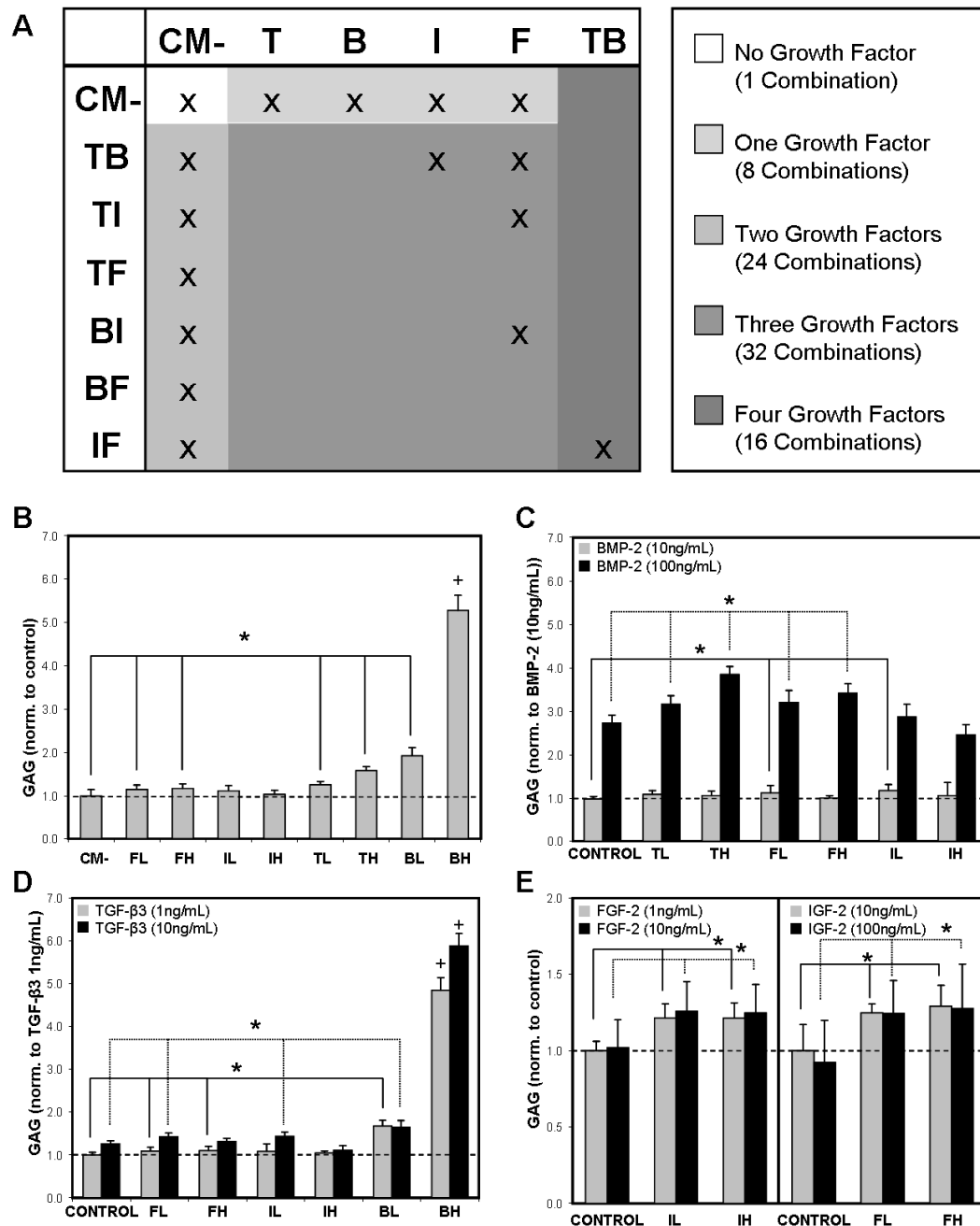


Figure 8-3: Growth factor combinatorial screen. (A) Growth factor combinations of TGF- β 3 (T), BMP-2 (B), IGF-1 (I), and FGF-2 (F) were assayed in 81 combinations. CM- represents control condition. Each growth factor was given at one of three doses (none, low, high) where indicated by X. (B) GAG content of pellets cultured in the presence of a single growth factor: TGF- β 3 (T), BMP-2 (B), IGF-1 (I), or FGF-2 (F) at a low (L) or high (H) dose. GAG content of pellets cultured with combinations of two growth factors: (C) BMP-2 with another growth factor, (D) TGF- β 3 with another growth factor, and (E) combinations of FGF-2 and IGF-1. * greater than control ($p < 0.05$). + greater than all other groups within the same dose ($p < 0.05$).

With combinations of three or more growth factors, the effects of individual growth factors and their doses on chondrogenesis became more difficult to assess. While combinations involving high dose TGF- β 3 with high dose BMP-2 consistently outperformed all other combinations (GAG values greater than 130 μ g/pellet), improvements in GAG accrual were observed for other combinations as well (**Figure 8-4**). Analysis of DNA content suggests that while FGF-2 increased cell proliferation ($p < 0.05$) and TGF- β 3 enhanced matrix deposition (without increasing cell number, $p > 0.25$), a high dose of BMP-2 improved both matrix deposition and cell number ($p < 0.001$, **Figure 8-5**).

Effect of a Single Growth Factor on GAG Content

Growth Factor 1	CM	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	TL	TH
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	18.9	21.8	22.3	21.3	19.7	36.5	97.4	23.9	30.1
Standard Deviation	2.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.7	3.7	9.7	1.5	1.8

Effect of Two Growth Factors on GAG Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	BL	BL	BL	BL
Growth Factor 2	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	FL	FH	IL	IH
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	26.0	26.4	26.0	24.9	41.3	116.9	34.2	31.5	34.3	26.6	39.4	142.7	41.1	37.3	47.6	46.0
Standard Deviation	2.2	2.4	4.1	1.4	6.1	8.2	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.6	3.7	11.4	3.9	4.7	14.2	14.5

Growth Factor 1	BH	BH	BH	BH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 2	FL	FH	IL	IH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	117.3	125.1	105.1	105.0	26.6	27.5	26.5	22.7
Standard Deviation	10.1	7.8	10.6	26.5	2.1	2.4	2.4	8.9

Effect of Three Growth Factors on GAG Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH
Growth Factor 2	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	BL	BL	BH	BH	BL	BL	BH	BH
Growth Factor 3	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	26.1	28.9	30.1	28.3	36.4	32.7	35.2	32.7	40.3	28.5	122.2	127.8	42.0	35.5	157.2	146.6
Standard Deviation	8.4	2.5	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.9	3.2	3.0	11.1	9.6	2.7	2.8	10.7	9.1

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH
Growth Factor 2	BL	BL	BH	BH	BL	BL	BH	BH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 3	IL	IH	IL	IH	IL	IH	IL	IH	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	38.1	33.8	123.4	116.4	39.9	37.9	136.3	134.6	40.8	36.9	38.7	33.6	124.3	129.9	128.7	136.4
Standard Deviation	6.0	3.3	16.3	22.1	5.2	3.2	9.2	11.1	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.1	17.3	8.4	7.4	12.5

Effect of Four Growth Factors on GAG Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH
Growth Factor 2	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH
Growth Factor 3	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 4	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average GAG Content (µg/pellet)	45.1	34.8	38.7	32.3	121.8	124.3	118.1	121.1	40.7	35.5	38.2	35.8	132.7	122.7	141.7	138.6
Standard Deviation	8.1	3.0	4.2	2.0	18.7	7.1	18.8	10.2	9.8	10.1	9.4	3.7	13.3	24.3	9.5	6.5

Figure 8-4: Growth Factor Combinations on GAG content.

Effect of a Single Growth Factor on DNA Content

Growth Factor 1	CM-	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	TL	TH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	2.76	2.95	3.21	2.74	3.12	2.90	4.29	2.39	2.38
Standard Deviation	0.80	1.50	1.18	1.31	1.23	2.01	1.59	0.58	0.77

Effect of Two Growth Factors on DNA Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	BL	BL	BL	BL
Growth Factor 2	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	FL	FH	IL	IH	BL	BH	FL	FH	IL	IH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	2.86	4.29	2.58	2.53	2.78	4.56	2.79	3.86	2.84	2.51	2.07	4.35	2.56	3.63	1.52	2.98
Standard Deviation	0.68	1.93	0.66	0.69	1.21	2.19	1.46	1.71	1.67	0.74	0.84	1.14	1.51	1.84	0.88	1.54

Growth Factor 1	BH	BH	BH	BH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 2	FL	FH	IL	IH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	4.10	6.21	4.08	4.08	2.97	3.25	2.89	3.47
Standard Deviation	1.82	1.26	1.30	1.36	0.99	0.80	0.57	1.12

Effect of Three Growth Factors on DNA Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH
Growth Factor 2	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	BL	BL	BH	BH	BL	BL	BH	BH
Growth Factor 3	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	3.46	3.60	2.84	4.20	3.33	3.68	2.92	4.00	2.88	4.48	4.32	6.09	2.26	3.71	5.49	5.34
Standard Deviation	1.13	0.87	1.24	1.53	1.77	1.09	1.00	1.61	0.76	2.75	1.34	0.93	0.83	1.36	0.74	1.64

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH
Growth Factor 2	BL	BL	BH	BH	BL	BL	BH	BH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 3	IL	IH	IL	IH	IL	IH	IL	IH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	2.27	2.98	5.14	4.12	2.02	2.35	4.88	4.92	3.13	3.98	2.72	3.27	4.77	5.95	4.80	5.54
Standard Deviation	1.71	1.89	1.84	1.53	1.57	0.72	1.01	0.97	1.47	2.09	0.94	0.92	1.49	0.67	0.87	0.87

Effect of Four Growth Factors on DNA Content

Growth Factor 1	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TL	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH	TH
Growth Factor 2	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH	BL	BL	BL	BL	BH	BH	BH	BH
Growth Factor 3	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH	IL	IL	IH	IH
Growth Factor 4	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH	FL	FH
Average DNA Content (µg/pellet)	2.44	2.43	2.50	3.08	4.23	5.60	4.03	5.70	1.92	2.73	2.01	3.78	5.19	5.55	4.51	4.97
Standard Deviation	1.71	0.85	1.05	0.95	1.77	0.73	1.67	1.02	0.68	1.15	0.76	1.86	1.34	0.97	1.03	1.02

Figure 8-5: Growth Factor Combinations on DNA content.

8.3.4 Sensitivity of MSC Pellets to IL-1 β and DMSO

A pilot screen using IL-1 β , a known inhibitor of chondrogenesis, showed that GAG deposition was dependent on both IL-1 β concentration ($p < 0.001$) and media condition ($p < 0.001$). Increasing concentrations of IL-1 β inhibited GAG production in CM+ (Figure 8-6A, B). For smaller pellets (30,000), inhibition was apparent at 0.1 ng/mL IL-1 β ($p < 0.01$), although complete inhibition was not seen until 1.0 ng/mL (compared to CM-, $p > 0.29$, Figure 8-6A). At a concentration of 1.0 ng/mL, GAG deposition was

~50% of control CM+ values. Based on these results, 50% of control CM+ GAG was chosen as the inhibition threshold for future screens. Interestingly, large pellets (225,000) were less sensitive to inhibition by IL-1 β ; GAG deposition decreased from control values at 1.0 ng/mL ($p < 0.01$) and complete inhibition was only noted at the highest dose (compared to CM-, $p > 0.1$, **Figure 8-6B**). As expected, GAG content for CM- pellets did not change with addition of IL-1 β ($p > 0.5$, **Figure 8-6A, B**).

Since chemical compounds are often solubilized in DMSO, the effects of DMSO on chondrogenesis were examined. When exposed to graded concentrations of DMSO, pellets were insensitive to DMSO at levels up to 0.5%, regardless of media condition as assessed by DNA (CM-: $p > 0.45$, CM+: $p > 0.96$) and GAG (CM-: $p > 0.85$, CM+: $p > 0.7$) contents (**Figure 8-6C, D**). We therefore used 0.5% DMSO as the maximum allowable thresholds for library screens when compounds are dissolved in DMSO.

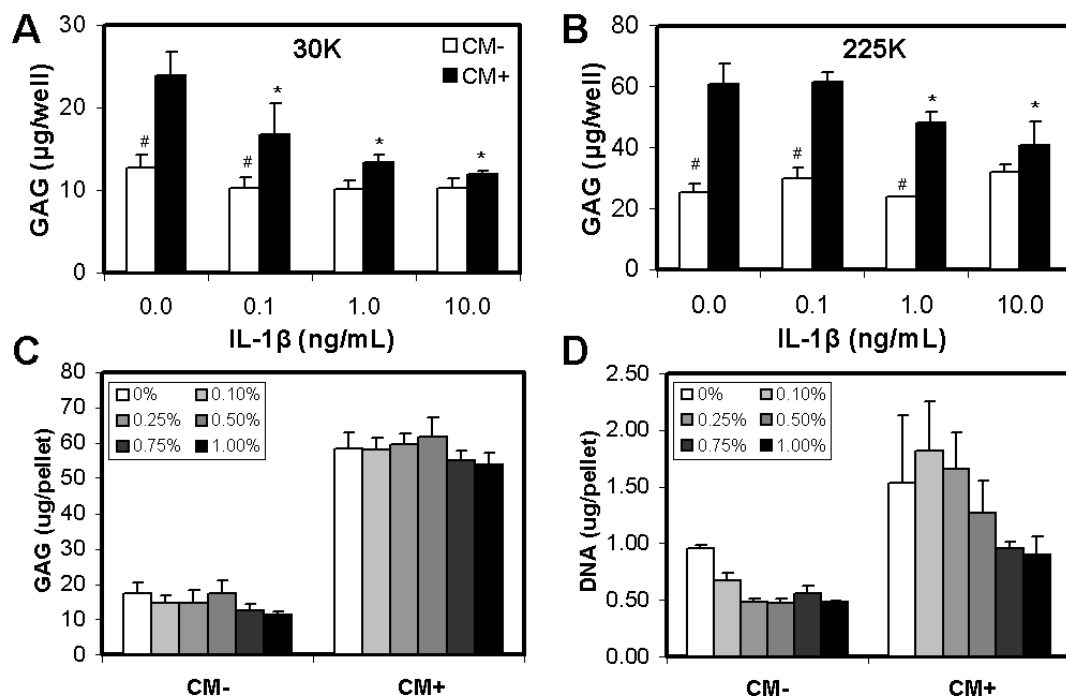


Figure 8-6: GAG accumulation with variation in IL-1 β concentration, pellet size and media condition and the effect of DMSO on MSC chondrogenesis. (A) GAG content with increasing concentrations of IL-1 β at the 30,000 pellet size. (B) GAG content with increasing concentrations of IL-1 β at the 225,000 pellet size. * lower than 0ng/mL IL-1 β within medium type ($p < 0.01$), # lower than CM+ within IL-1 β concentration ($p < 0.001$), $n = 4$. (C) DNA and (D) GAG content of micro-pellets with exposure to graded levels of DMSO. ** indicates lower than 0, 0.1, 0.25% DMSO within the same medium type ($p < 0.05$). DNA: $n = 3$; GAG: $n = 8$.

8.3.5 Identification of Potential Inducers and Inhibitors of Chondrogenesis With NINDS

Library Screen

After optimization and validation of our miniaturized culture and assay procedures, a screen of the NINDS library was undertaken to demonstrate the feasibility of HTS for MSC chondrogenesis. From this screen, 5 potential inducers and 39 potential inhibitors of chondrogenesis were identified based on GAG content assays (**Figure 8-7**).

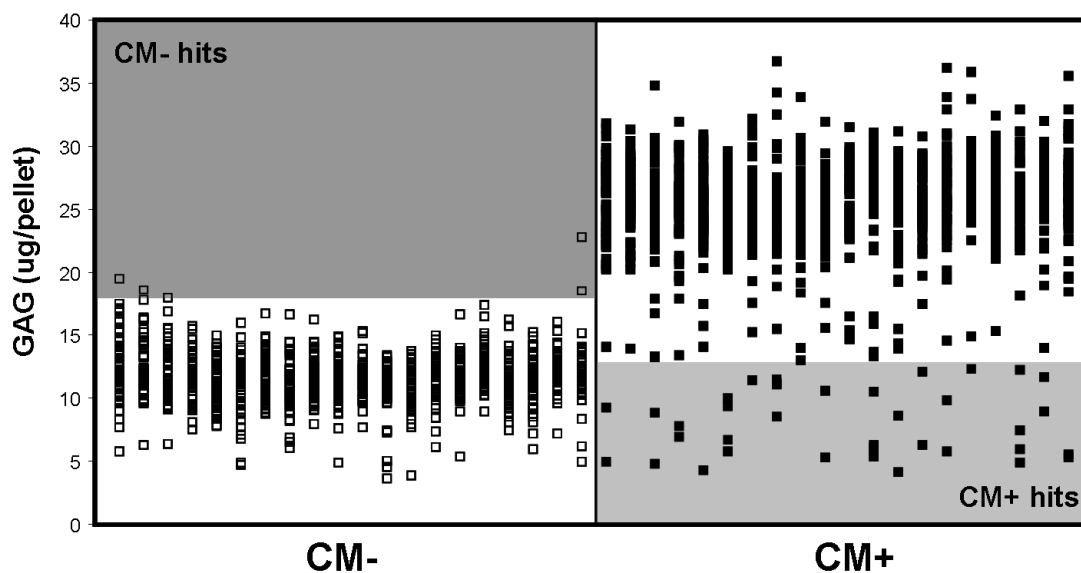


Figure 8-7: NINDS library screen. HTS of the NINDS library identified inducers (CM- hits) and inhibitors (CM+ hits) of MSC chondrogenesis.

Of these potential inhibitors, 15 were cytotoxic at the doses investigated, lowering DNA contents by 40-80% compared to control CM+ values (**Figure 8-8**). The remaining 24 compounds were selected as viable “hits” (**Table 8-1**). With a Z-factor of 0.5, assay sensitivity remained excellent for this screen.

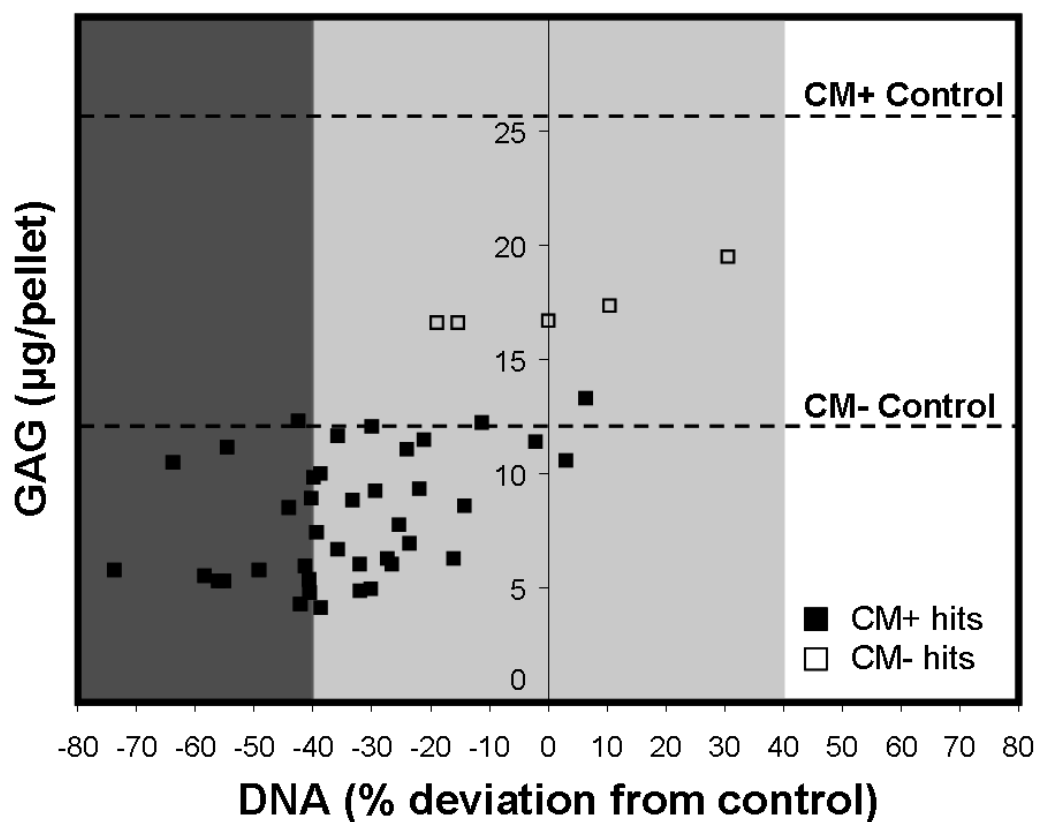


Figure 8-8: Identification of cytotoxic compounds from NINDS library screen. GAG (µg/pellet) and DNA (% deviation from control) content of identified inducers and inhibitors of chondrogenesis. Compounds with DNA content greater than 40% below CM+ control values were considered cytotoxic and excluded from further analysis.

Table 8-1: List of identified inhibitors and inducers.

NAME	CLASS	ACTIVITY
Doxylamine Succinate	Antihistamine, hypnotic	Inducer
Pergolide Mesylate	Dopamine receptor agonist	Inducer
Perphenazine	Antipsychotic	Inducer
Eszopiclone	Hypnotic	Inducer
Colforsin	Adenylate cyclase activator, vasodilator	Inducer
Hexachlorophene	Antiinfective	Inhibitor
Oxyphenbutazone	Antiinflammatory	Inhibitor
Colchicine	Antimitotic	Inhibitor
Glucosamine Hydrochloride	Antiarthritic	Inhibitor
Chlorohexidine	Antibacterial, disinfectant	Inhibitor
Digitoxin	Inotropic, cardiotonic	Inhibitor
Digoxin	Inotropic, cardiac stimulant	Inhibitor
Acridine Hydrochloride	Antiinfective, intercalating agent	Inhibitor
Ouabain	Cardiotonic, Na/K ATPase inhibitor	Inhibitor
Vinblastine Sulfate	Antineoplastic, antimitotic	Inhibitor
Beta-ESCIN	Membrane permeabilizer	Inhibitor
Podofilox	Antineoplastic, antimitotic	Inhibitor
Teniposide	Antineoplastic	Inhibitor
Nocodazole	Antineoplastic, antimitotic	Inhibitor
Pyrrithione Zinc	Antiseborrheic	Inhibitor
Azathioprine	Antineoplastic, immunosuppressant	Inhibitor
Puromycin Hydrochloride	Antineoplastic, protein synthesis inhibitor	Inhibitor
Avermectin B1	Antiparasitic	Inhibitor
Cyclohexamide	Protein synthesis inhibitor	Inhibitor
Valinomycin	Potassium transporter, antibiotic	Inhibitor
Irinotecan Hydrochloride	Antineoplastic, topoisomerase I inhibitor	Inhibitor
Pararosaniline Pamoate	Antischistosomal	Inhibitor
Salinomycin Sodium	Antibacterial	Inhibitor
Lasalocid Sodium	Antibacterial	Inhibitor

8.4 Discussion

Mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) from bone marrow are an attractive cell source for regenerative medicine and the study of skeletal development. MSCs can differentiate into a number of relevant phenotypes, as well as transition from one phenotype to another (Song et al. 2004; Mueller et al. 2008). Despite considerable interest in MSC chondrogenesis, the signal transduction and molecular mechanisms that underlie this

process remain largely undefined. Furthermore, while defined media formulations have been developed to induce this phenotype, these media have yet to be optimized with respect to the functional capacity of the formed tissue. For example, using standard media formulations (containing TGF- β 3 and dexamethasone), MSCs in 3D culture systems produce cartilaginous tissues with lower properties than donor matched chondrocytes maintained similarly (Mauck et al. 2006). To explore the signaling topology that underlies chondrogenesis, as well as to discover novel modulators of this process, we developed and optimized a high-throughput screening methodology compatible with MSC chondrogenesis. In traditional pellet studies, chondrogenesis is evaluated after 21 days of culture using sizes of 200-250,000 cells/pellet. Here, we successfully reduced the number of cells required to 10,000 per pellet and assessed chondrogenesis after 7 days. Further, we developed an in-well digestion protocol to enable high-throughput analysis and minimize handling (**Figure 8-1**). We also demonstrated our ability to fully automate the layout, culture, and analysis of cartilage matrix production by MSCs in a 384-well format with Z-factor analysis confirming the excellent sensitivity of these miniaturized growth and assay procedures.

After validation of our assay system, we executed a comprehensive combinatorial screen of four growth factors: TGF- β 3, BMP-2, IGF-1 and FGF-2. While previous studies have analyzed the effects of these factors on chondrogenesis, there has been no study assessing all combinations of these growth factors using multiple doses in a single experiment. Over a 7 day culture period, treatment with TGF- β 3, BMP-2 and FGF-2 improved matrix production compared to control, while treatment with IGF-1 failed to induce

chondrogenesis. Our results also showed an enhanced effect when high doses of TGF- β 3 and BMP-2 were given in concert. These findings are consistent with several previous studies of growth factor effects on MSC chondrogenesis (Majumdar et al. 2001; Schmitt et al. 2003; Indrawattana et al. 2004; Palmer et al. 2005; Toh et al. 2005). Although the chondrogenic effects of TGF- β 3 and BMP-2 are well characterized, the effects of FGF-2 and IGF-1 are less established. In our study, short-term pellet culture with FGF-2 increased cell proliferation when given alone or with other growth factors. In monolayer studies, FGF-2 increased cell proliferation and enhanced the chondrogenic potential of MSCs (Im et al. 2006; Stewart et al. 2007). While IGF-1 has been shown to improve chondrogenesis when given with TGF- β 3 (Indrawattana et al. 2004), our results were less decisive. Interestingly, combinations of IGF-1 and FGF-2 appeared to increase GAG deposition, independent of dosage.

In addition to our growth factor screen, we conducted an HTS campaign on the NINDS library (1040 compounds) and identified several potential inducers and inhibitors of chondrogenesis (**Table 8-1**). Inducers were from several different classes of molecules, including hypnotic agents and vasodilators. Inhibitors were largely anti-neoplastic or anti-protein synthesis agents. To eliminate cytotoxic inhibitors, the threshold for DNA content was set at 40% below control values. Dosage response studies will be necessary to determine whether inhibitory effects will be retained with minimal cytotoxicity at lower doses. Interestingly, of the identified inhibitors, several compounds, including those that altered sodium/potassium levels (ouabain and valinomycin), inhibited protein synthesis (puromycin and cyclohexamide), or inhibited microtubule formation

(colchicine and vinblastine), have previously been shown to block sulfate incorporation into GAGs in embryonic chick cartilage (Adamson et al. 1966; Audhya et al. 1976). These results reaffirm our ability to identify specific inhibitors and inducers of chondrogenesis. Unexpectedly, glucosamine hydrochloride, an amino monosaccharide with possible anti-arthritic properties (Reginster et al. 2001), was also identified as a potential inhibitor of MSC chondrogenesis. While the benefits of glucosamine as a therapeutic agent for osteoarthritis remains controversial (Verbruggen 2006), in one study of human MSC pellets, treatment with 100 μ M of glucosamine enhanced chondrogenesis while treatment with 10 mM significantly inhibited chondrogenesis (Derfoul et al. 2007). However, the pellet size used in these experiments (1.5 million cells per pellet) was 150 times greater than the size used in our screen (10,000 cells per pellet). Our validation studies with IL-1 β suggest that smaller pellet sizes may be more sensitive to inhibition, perhaps owing to decreased diffusional distances. Therefore, while 10 μ M of glucosamine was inhibitory in our miniaturized pellets, a lower dose may prove to be beneficial.

The ability to effectively screen large numbers of compounds and uncover both inducers and inhibitors of chondrogenesis is a key strength of HTS. From this initial screen of a small chemical library, we were able to identify several known effectors of chondrogenesis and GAG production. Moreover, we identified several modulators whose actions on MSC chondrogenesis had been previously unknown. While inducers of chondrogenesis are of clear utility for tissue engineering applications, they may also possess chondroprotective properties useful for direct systemic treatment of osteoarthritis.

Similarly, inhibitors of chondrogenesis may be of clinical interest as therapeutic agents for skeletal pathologies, such as fibrodysplasia ossificans progressive (FOP). In FOP, progenitor cells in the soft tissues undergo chondrogenesis and ultimately osteogenesis, forming ectopic bone in an endochondral fashion. In addition to discovering novel modulators of chondrogenesis, we were also able to identify compounds widely used in orthopaedic practice that displayed no effect on chondrogenesis. These compounds include common antibiotics (vancomycin, ciprofloxacin and gentamicin), non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (rofecoxib and celecoxib) and corticosteroids (cortisone and methylprednisolone). Interestingly, while ciprofloxacin did not affect chondrogenesis, at high doses it has been shown to inhibit fracture healing in rats and inhibit proliferation and extracellular mineralization by osteoblastic cells (Huddleston et al. 2000). Vancomycin has also been shown to reduce cell proliferation in chondrocytes and osteoblasts; however, these effects were only evident at doses exceeding 2000 µg/mL (Antoci et al. 2007). Although we were able to identify several inducers and inhibitors of chondrogenesis, secondary screening tools must be developed to confirm our findings and eliminate false positives.

This work describes a new method for assaying MSC chondrogenesis using an HTS approach and presents findings from a preliminary chemical screen and combinatorial growth factor study. While the results are exciting, several limitations remain. In terms of methodology, we focused on the DMMB assay of GAG production as a primary screening tool. GAG is a sensitive and cost-effective (0.01¢ per well) measure of chondrogenesis. However, in this setup, we capture all GAG produced by MSCs over the

time course of the study, rather than that which is fixed within the ECM and most important for tissue formation. Future work may discriminate between soluble GAG and fixed GAG by assaying the media prior to papain digest. Additionally, more sensitive assays will be required to confirm early-stage chondrogenesis at the molecular level in identified compounds of interest. For example, we have previously used both aggrecan and type II collagen promoter-reporter assays to monitor cartilaginous gene expression in differentiating MSCs (Mauck et al. 2007), and these assays may be adapted for secondary screening in this HTS format. These assays are more expensive, but will serve as a specific indicator of the chondrogenic state. On a mechanistic level, it has recently been reported that centrifugation is not necessary for pellet formation (Welter et al. 2007); removal of this step might further decrease processing time for our anticipated larger library screens. In our studies, we observed a natural heterogeneity in response between the different donor MSC populations investigated. While differences with chondrogenic induction in all screens remain robust (Z -factors >0.5), as we transition from bovine to human sources, these differences will have to be carefully monitored. Additionally, we only assayed a single dose for the chemical factors in the library screen. As with all library screening, this allows for the existence of false-negatives – factors that are in fact inducers or inhibitors that fail to present based on improper dosing. Additional assays at higher doses may be performed to account for this limitation. Finally, these studies were executed over a relatively short duration of seven days. By focusing our screen for factors that induce chondrogenesis, we may fail to recognize late-stage modulators of this process that may prove valuable for tissue engineering efforts. To implement longer culture durations, the protocol may be tailored to include partial media exchanges, with

half the volume of media replaced once a week, to avoid aspiration of cell pellets during the exchange.

The results of this study demonstrate for the first time that HTS approaches can be used to screen large molecular libraries for modulators of MSC chondrogenesis. Furthermore, by fully automating the layout and analysis techniques, as well as reducing pellet size to 10,000 cells/pellet, we are now poised to screen even larger chemical libraries, such as the >200,000 compound NIH Small Molecule Repository, which contains many factors of chemical interest but unknown action. Newly identified modulators of chondrogenesis may find use in tissue engineering as well as in the treatment of musculoskeletal pathologies. For example, it has been reported that MSCs from osteoarthritic (OA) patients are themselves less robust than those from healthy patients of the same age (Murphy et al. 2002). Factors that improve MSC activity in these diseased cells may prove beneficial to this large and growing OA population. For skeletal pathologies like FOP, factors may be identified that block the promiscuous chondrogenesis that occurs in these cells, while not adversely impacting the natural chondrogenic events that are necessary for skeletal growth in this young population. In the same way that microarray technologies allow for unbiased discovery of new genes involved in a specific cellular process, HTS identifies novel modulators of biochemical action. Using this HTS approach coupled with large chemical libraries, new modulators of chondrogenesis can be identified and the signaling topology of this important event in cartilage and bone formation will be better understood. These advances will improve the clinical application

of MSCs for cartilage formation for regenerative medicine applications as well as for the treatment of skeletal pathologies.

CHAPTER 9: SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

9.1 Summary

The function of articular cartilage within the joint is primarily load-bearing and this function is dependent on its unique structure. As outlined in Chapter 1, the structure and properties of articular cartilage vary through the depth, and the chondrocytes residing within these different zones present distinct phenotypes and morphologies. In addition, cartilage is anisotropic; type II collagen fibers within the superficial zone are oriented in distinct patterns across the joint surface, leading to direction-dependent tensile properties. To date, the foremost challenge confronting cartilage tissue engineering has been replicating this unique structure and generating mechanically functional tissue replacements using a clinically feasible cell source. Toward this end, the overall objective of this thesis was to better understand the molecular and functional underpinnings of mesenchymal stem cell chondrogenesis in 3D culture and to develop methods to enhance chondrogenesis for cartilage tissue engineering.

In Chapter 3, standard tissue engineering strategies effective in the chondrocyte literature were applied to optimize MSC chondrogenesis in 3D culture. Specifically, the effects of increasing initial cell seeding density and the application of a novel media formulation (transient exposure to TGF- β 3) were evaluated on MSC-laden agarose constructs. In contrast to studies using chondrocytes, increasing the seeding density of MSCs (20 million vs. 60 million cells/mL) did not lead to commensurate increases in bulk mechanical or biochemical properties. Indeed, no differences were observed with seeding density under continuous exposure to TGF- β 3. As previously observed, the

mechanical properties of MSC-based constructs remained dramatically reduced compared to chondrocytes cultured identically. Interestingly, transient application of TGF- β 3 dramatically improved the GAG content and mechanical properties of MSC-seeded constructs, but only when constructs were seeded with 60 million cells/mL. While constructs seeded at 20 million cells/mL density did not respond favorably to transient TGF- β 3 exposure, the mechanical properties and biochemical content did not decline with TGF- β 3 removal. Chondrogenic gene expression remained at high levels in these constructs, suggesting maintenance of the cartilaginous phenotype despite the absence of TGF- β 3. Notably, type I and X collagens were not observed under ‘transient’ conditions, consistent with previous observations that MSC hypertrophy and ossification is not induced *in vitro* with TGF- β abrogation, in the absence of other factors.

In Chapter 4, the effect of long-term dynamic compressive loading on functional MSC chondrogenesis was examined. Functional growth of constructs was markedly dependent on chondrogenic pre-culture; loading initiated after 3 days of pre-culture inhibited cell proliferation and the development of robust mechanical and biochemical properties while loading initiated after 3 weeks of pre-culture enhanced mechanical properties, though biochemical content was comparable to free-swelling cultures. Collagen was better distributed in the loaded samples, suggesting that this enhanced distribution may contribute to the improved mechanical properties. Variation of loading duration, frequency and TGF- β supplementation showed that loading-induced gains in mechanical properties were only observed for constructs loaded for 4 hours per day at 1 Hz in the presence of TGF- β 3, suggesting that minimal thresholds of loading may exist. Methods

to elucidate the potential factors (MSC phenotype, cell-matrix interactions, solute transport) underlying these disparate responses to mechanical stimulation are described later in this chapter.

Results from Chapters 3 and 4 clearly demonstrate that while MSCs undergo chondrogenesis, the functional phenotype established by these cells under our culture system is distinct from that of articular chondrocytes. Therefore in Chapter 5, the molecular profiles of chondrogenic MSCs were compared to that of undifferentiated MSCs and fully differentiated chondrocytes to better understand the underpinnings of chondrogenesis. Transcriptional differences were established between these cell types and two of the genes identified (PRG4 and TGFBI) were further confirmed to be differentially translated. This work describes for the first time the transcriptional limitations of MSC chondrogenesis and begins to set new benchmarks for ‘successful’ differentiation.

While the focus of the studies presented in Chapters 3-5 (as well as current work in the literature) was toward optimizing the compressive properties of MSC-based constructs, the tensile properties of articular cartilage are also crucial to its load-bearing role in the joint. The evolution of these properties in native cartilage was described in Chapter 2, however very few studies have characterized the tensile properties of engineered constructs. Therefore, in Chapter 6, tensile testing methods were validated for hydrogel strips, and the development of tensile properties of MSC-laden constructs was investigated, relative to that of chondrocyte-laden constructs cultured identically. Tensile

properties were comparable between cell types by the final timepoint (day 56), however these properties were extremely poor compared to that of native cartilage. As expected, in the absence of external stimuli, the engineered tissue was isotropic and homogeneous, with respect to collagen orientation and localization.

To optimize tensile properties and collagen content, a novel bioreactor was developed to apply sliding contact to cell-seeded agarose strips to better replicate the physiologic loading environment within the joint. In Chapter 7, sliding contact loading was characterized by finite element analysis and preliminary studies on acellular constructs were performed. Based on the results generated by these acellular studies (and the data presented in Chapter 5), sliding contact was initiated after 3 weeks of chondrogenic pre-culture. We examined the effects of short-term sliding contact on chondrogenesis under a range of axial deformations in the presence or absence of TGF- β 3. Long-term sliding contact was applied using optimized parameters established from these short-term studies (20% axial deformation with TGF- β 3 supplementation) and functional growth was assessed. Results demonstrate for the first time that sliding contact not only improved the tensile properties of MSC-based constructs, but also instilled biochemical inhomogeneity.

While the latter part of the thesis focused on mechanical stimulation as a modulator of MSC chondrogenesis, it is not the sole mediator. In defined conditions, TGF- β is a powerful chondrogenic inducer, and the chemical makeup of the media utilized in all of the studies presented in this thesis is also the one that is most widely used in the field. Although this media formulation is currently the gold standard, our studies show

incomplete conversion of the MSC phenotype using this formulation. Therefore in Chapter 8, a high-throughput screening method was developed to rapidly screen chemical libraries for novel mediators of MSC chondrogenesis. In addition to improving chondrogenic differentiation, identification of chemical modulators (both inducers and inhibitors) of known action may be useful in elucidating the signaling pathway underlying MSC chondrogenesis.

Overall, this work outlines limitations in MSC functional chondrogenesis for cartilage tissue engineering and highlights key differences between this cell type and fully differentiated articular chondrocytes. Using a multi-pronged approach, we explored potential routes toward overcoming these limitations and demonstrated that MSCs are responsive to their chemical environment as well as their mechanical environment. Although encouraging, our results indicate that further optimization of these parameters will be necessary for clinical realization.

9.2 Limitations and Future Directions

9.2.1 Functional links between transcription and mechanical properties

In Chapter 5, we identified a set of genes that were misregulated during MSC chondrogenesis, however functional links have not yet been established. It is currently unknown which of these genes (if any) may underlie the functional (compressive properties, GAG content) or phenotypic (permanently vs. transiently chondrogenic) disparities we and others have observed between chondrogenic MSCs and chondrocytes. One challenge moving forward is identifying reasonable targets for further study. While

we have a list of candidate genes, this list may not be comprehensive. Our microarray analyses was limited to one timepoint (day 28), since the properties of MSC-based constructs do not improve past this time. Although other timepoints before and after day 28 would be useful in order to capture early and later stages of chondrogenesis (and these studies are ongoing), our time course analyses showed that several of the genes identified from the day 28 timepoint were also mis-expressed at timepoints before and after day 28. For example, chondromodulin and DKK1 were never expressed in MSCs at any timepoint.

While our description of MSC chondrogenesis is not yet comprehensive, we were able to generate a list of 324 genes as potential targets of intervention. Only a subset of these genes were further validated, as it was not feasible to validate all 324 of the identified genes. Based on a review of the existing literature, the genes selected were those that were related to functional properties (matrix elements) or phenotype (transcription factors or molecule indicative of cell differentiation). For example, PRG4, TGFBI and chondromodulin are matrix molecules important in cartilage function, SOSTDC1 and ID1 are involved in BMP signaling and MEIS2 and HOX4A are highly conserved transcription regulators that play important roles during development.

Using this list as a logical starting point, the connection between transcription and functional outcomes may first be established by assessing successful translation from expression to protein identification via MALDI-TOF mass spectroscopy (Hillenkamp et al. 1991), followed by siRNA knockdown studies in chondrocyte cultures. Attractive

candidate genes may then be over-expressed in MSC cultures to evaluate rescue of function or phenotype. Once links have been confirmed, these genes will serve as new benchmarks of “successful” functional chondrogenesis, in addition to the established set of chondrogenic markers (i.e. type II collagen, aggrecan). For example, we recently analyzed the microarray data generated from dynamic compressive loading studies (Chapter 4) against this list of mis-regulated genes and found some overlap with genes that were mechanically sensitive. Specifically, we observed that a sub-set of genes that were under-expressed in MSCs compared to chondrocytes were up-regulated after 3 weeks of dynamic compression. Similarly, a few genes that were over-expressed in MSCs were down-regulated by loading. These analyses will aid us in uncovering the mechanism(s) by which dynamic compressive loading improves functional MSC chondrogenesis. The complete list of these genes can be found in **Appendix 3**.

9.2.2 MSC phenotype *in vivo*

While some of the transcriptional differences between chondrogenic MSCs and chondrocytes may be due to differences of phenotype, these differences are not easily resolved *in vitro*. As a potent inducer of MSC chondrogenesis, TGF- β 3 promotes the cartilaginous phenotype *in vitro* (evidenced by ample deposition of proteoglycans and type II collagen), while inhibiting osteogenesis. The chondrogenic phenotype of MSCs is maintained after TGF- β 3 removal and hypertrophy and mineralization is not observed (Chapter 3). However, there is increasing evidence that while stable *in vitro*, the phenotype of chondrogenic MSCs shifts toward an osteogenic phenotype (concurrent

with vascular invasion) when exposed to *in vivo* conditions, thereby mimicking the process of endochondral ossification (Pelttari et al. 2006; Jukes et al. 2008). In marked contrast, implantation of articular chondrocytes does not induce this response, and the surrounding cartilaginous matrix remains inviolate. To overcome these limitations and enable accurate evaluation of the MSC phenotype, potential therapies and assays must either be tested against an *in vitro* environment that better replicates the *in vivo* one (which may require the addition of osteo-permissive factors such as β -glycerophosphate and thyroid hormone) (Mueller et al. 2008), or rigorous assessments of MSC phenotype must be carried out under *in vivo* conditions, following standard *in vitro* culture.

9.2.3 MSC mechanotransduction

In Chapters 4 and 7, we showed that the mechanical environment can modulate MSC chondrogenesis and that the application of mechanical signals can improve the compressive and tensile properties of MSC-based constructs. In these studies, the effects of dynamic compression were dependent on pre-culture duration, loading duration, frequency and TGF- β 3 supplementation. Improved compressive modulus was only observed in cases where MSC-based constructs were pre-cultured for 3 weeks prior to the initiation of loading. These pre-cultured constructs differ from day 3 constructs in several respects: the MSCs are chondrogenic and have secreted a GAG-rich matrix, leading to decreases in construct porosity and increases in bulk compressive properties. It is currently unknown which of these factors might govern MSC response to loading, whether it is the differentiation status of MSCs, the effect of cell-matrix interactions or the changing material properties of the surrounding material.

To examine whether MSC phenotype may play a role in load-induced maturation, future studies will focus on the response of chondrogenic MSCs encapsulated in 2% agarose (devoid of external cell-secreted matrix). MSCs may be cultured in alginate or pellet culture in pro-chondrogenic conditions then dissociated from the surrounding matrix/polymer to free the chondrogenically differentiated cells. To examine the effect of cell-matrix interactions on loading response, biomaterials derived from cartilage matrix constituents, such as collagen, RGD-modified, or chondroitin sulfate biomaterials may be investigated. Scaffolds derived from the native cartilage matrix may also be useful as these scaffolds improve chondrogenesis of adipose derived stem cells; a similar formulation may enable better study of cell-matrix interactions during dynamic compressive loading. Loading may also be applied in the presence of blocking antibodies to inhibit integrin binding and permit identification of important signaling pathways. Assessment of phosphorylated MAPKs during loading may be another method to assess MSC mechanotransduction pathways and may be a more reliable early predictor of efficacy compared to gene expression.

To determine the importance of bulk construct properties on MSC mechanoresponsivity, gradual removal of proteoglycans or collagens (by graded digestion in chondroitinase or collagenase) may be carried out prior to the initiation of loading. Similarly, MSCs may be encapsulated in materials of different mechanical properties; while this is difficult to achieve with agarose due to its viscous nature, other materials with more tunable properties, such as hyaluronic acid or PEG hydrogels are attractive possibilities.

In addition to pre-culture considerations, loading must also be applied for 4 hours per day at 1 Hz to obtain favorable outcomes in mechanical properties. Other variations of this loading regime (1 hour per day at 1 Hz and 4 hours per day at 0.1 Hz) failed to modulate mechanical properties. While these duration and frequency parameters may influence solute transport (described in more detail in Chapter 5), MSC responsiveness to loading may also be related to the number of loading cycles experienced by the cells; for example, 4 hours at 1 Hz correspond to 14,400 cycles while 4 hours at 0.1 Hz and 1 hour at 1 Hz correspond to significantly fewer cycles (1,440 and 3,600 cycles, respectively). Frequency itself may be important as fluid pressure generated by loading is dependent on the frequency of the applied load. To address this question, parametric studies of loading cycle (at fixed frequency) or frequency (at fixed number of cycles) may be carried out to elucidate the effects of these different variables.

9.2.4 Development of mechanically-induced anisotropy

In Chapter 7, we developed a novel bioreactor to apply sliding contact loading to MSC-seeded constructs. While 3 weeks of sliding improved the tensile properties and collagen content of constructs relative to free-swelling, the overall properties remained low compared to native. Using semi-quantitative measures of histology, we were able to discern matrix inhomogeneity in constructs subjected to sliding; the surface region of constructs showed more intense staining of proteoglycans and type II collagen. However, due to low collagen content (resulting in light Picrosirius Red staining), assessment of collagen orientation by polarized light was not easily achieved; initial analyses indicated

no differences in collagen alignment with sliding. It may be that 3 weeks of sliding was insufficient and longer-term loading will be required to achieve observable differences in collagen remodeling. Our polarized light method may also not be sensitive enough to capture early differences in alignment. In this case, alternative methods established in the literature, such as polarized FT-IRIS (Bi et al. 2005) or second harmonic imaging microscopy (Stoller et al. 2002), can be explored. Lastly, as agarose is an inert biomaterial and does not degrade, the presence of the polymer may inhibit collagen remodeling. The morphology of chondrocytes in the superficial zone of native cartilage is flattened in shape and oriented parallel to the surface; agarose may prevent cells from adopting this morphology. Cell morphology may be important as collagen alignment and orientation is often preceded by cellular orientation (Hayes et al. 1999; Baker et al. 2007). Hydrolytically-degradable and MMP-degradable formulations have shown some promise in enhancing collagen deposition (Bryant et al. 2003); the use of these novel biomaterials may enable better collagen remodeling.

9.2.5 Chondrogenesis of human MSCs

One limitation of all of the studies presented in this thesis is the use of cells derived from bovine sources. While cells derived from animal sources may not be ideal, the use of these cells allows us to test many more conditions than would be possible with human cells, and allows comparisons to be made to healthy fully differentiated chondrocytes. With respect to functional cartilage tissue engineering in particular, the use of bovine MSCs also enables comparisons to be made to mechanical benchmarks set by foundational work based on juvenile bovine cartilage. Ultimately however, studies using

human MSCs will be necessary to enhance the clinical applicability of our findings, and these studies are underway. Thus far, preliminary work suggests that additional optimization will be required for successful chondrogenesis (and viability) of these cells, though factors such as age and the disease status of the donor cells must also be considered. Under defined media conditions in the presence of TGF- β 3, human MSCs isolated from an osteoarthritic, aged patient (70 yrs, female) do not accrue appreciable levels of GAG after 28 days of culture and the mechanical properties of MSC-based hydrogels remain similar to that of starting values (**Figure 9-1**).

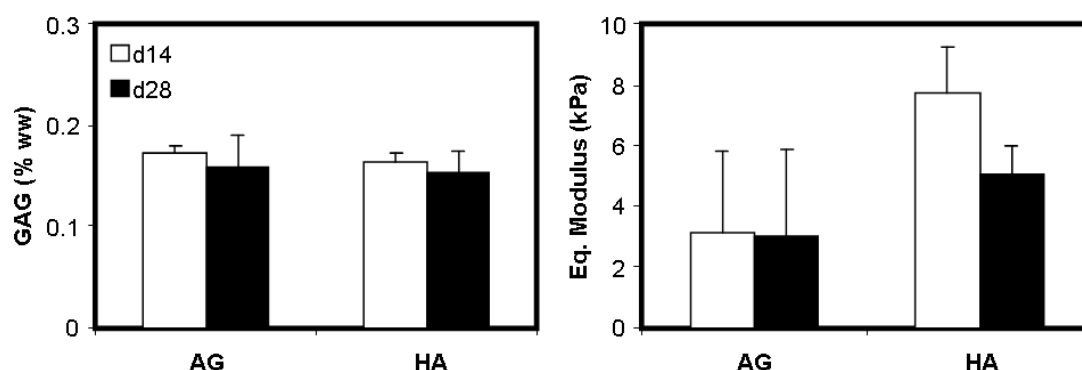


Figure 9-1: GAG content and equilibrium compressive modulus of human MSCs seeded in 2% agarose (AG) or 2% hyaluronic acid (HA) hydrogels for 28 days in chemically defined media containing TGF- β 3. Data represent mean and standard deviations, n=3 per group.

MSC viability declines over the first 9 days of culture for both agarose and hyaluronic acid (HA) constructs (**Figure 9-2**); however, the surviving MSCs in agarose express increasing levels of aggrecan and type II collagen while MSCs in HA do not (**Figure 9-3**). From this preliminary work, it is evident that while human MSCs may undergo chondrogenesis on a transcriptional level in 3D, this does not translate to improvements in matrix deposition and functional properties. This may be due to the pronounced decrease in MSC viability early in culture; one way to overcome these limitations may be

the inclusion of mitogenic factors (such as FGFs) during MSC expansion or the use of biomaterials that promote cell adhesion or cell-cell communication (mimicking pellet culture conditions). Future work will examine these possibilities as well as investigate the effects of donor age and disease status on MSC chondrogenesis in a 3D culture environment.

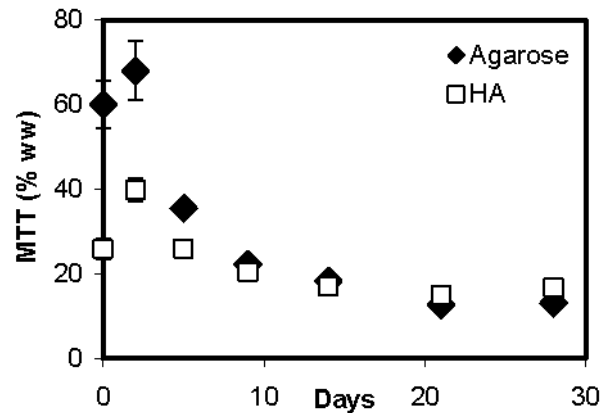


Figure 9-2: MTT assay for cell viability showed marked decrease in viability within 9 days of culture for human MSCs seeded in both agarose and HA constructs. Data represent mean and standard deviations, n=3 per group.

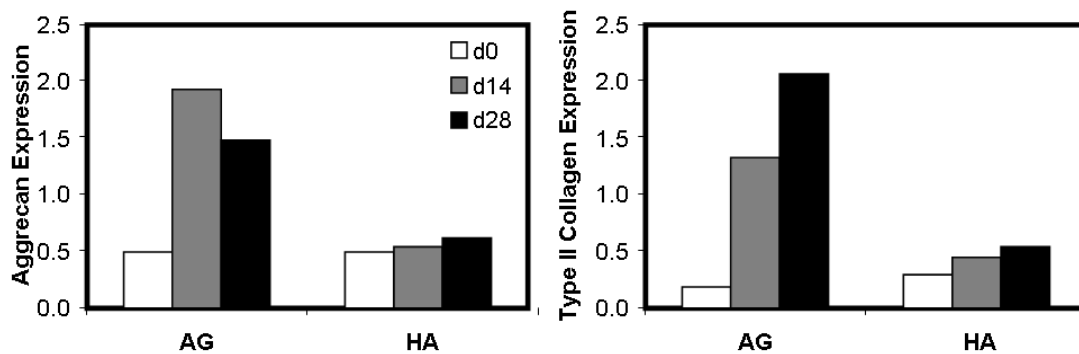


Figure 9-3: Human MSCs seeded in agarose improved cartilaginous gene expression with time in chondrogenic culture. When cells from the same donor were seeded in HA hydrogels and cultured in parallel identically, the expression levels of the same genes did not change with time.

9.2.6 Alternative growth factors to enhance functional chondrogenesis

Although TGF- β 3 is a potent inducer of chondrogenesis and was used for all of the work presented here, it is not the only growth factor capable of stimulating chondrogenesis in

MSCs. While TGF- β 1 and TGF- β 2 isoforms also induce chondrogenesis of MSC pellets *in vitro*, TGF- β 3 was specifically selected for these studies as exposure to this isoform resulted in markedly enhanced differentiation in human MSCs, compared to the other two isoforms (Barry et al. 2001). Other members of the TGF- β superfamily, including the bone morphogenic proteins (BMPs), can also stimulate chondrogenesis and several studies have demonstrated the chondrogenic potential of these growth factors, including BMP-2, 6, and 9 (Majumdar et al. 2001; Indrawattana et al. 2004). In Chapter 8, we showed that exposure of MSC micro-pellets to BMP-2 dramatically improved GAG deposition; GAG content was even higher when TGF- β 3 was combined with BMP-2. Based on these findings, preliminary studies were performed investigating the effect of BMP-2 in normal MSC pellet culture (250,000 cells) and in 3D agarose culture. Consistent with our previous findings from the HTS screen, pellets cultured in defined media containing BMP-2 outperformed those cultured in TGF- β 3. Pellet diameter was much greater in BMP-2 groups and GAG and collagen contents were also higher in these pellets (**Figure 9-4**). Additional studies comparing these growth factors showed that bovine MSCs seeded in agarose also responded more favorably to BMP-2, resulting in constructs with greater mechanical properties and GAG content (**Figure 9-5**). While BMP-2 was applied at 100 ng/mL (compared to 10 ng/mL TGF- β 3), dosage studies showed that at least 50 ng/mL of BMP-2 was required for chondrogenesis and no differences were observed at concentrations higher than 50 ng/mL. Similarly, 10 ng/mL of TGF- β 3 was required for successful differentiation, with no additional benefits observed above that dosage (data not shown). Considerations of dosage (and the costs

associated) for each type of growth factor treatment will certainly affect clinical feasibility.

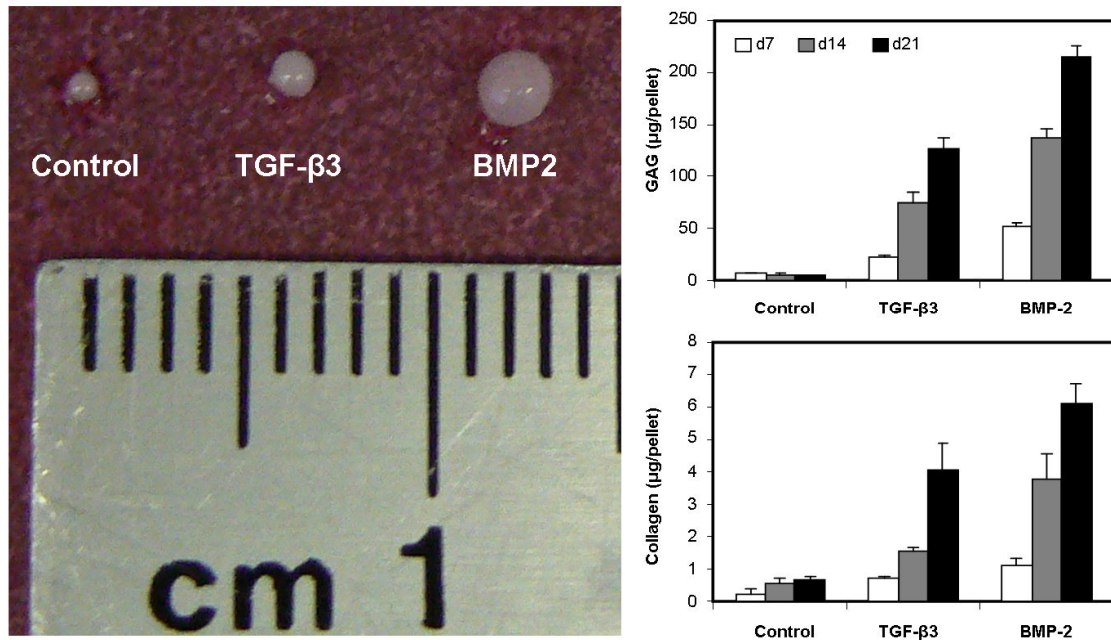


Figure 9-4: Bovine MSC pellets were cultured in control media (no growth factors), 10 ng/mL TGF-β3 or 100 ng/mL BMP-2 supplemented media for 21 days. (Left) Pellet diameter was highest for BMP-2 treated pellets. (Right) GAG and Collagen contents were also highest in BMP-2 treated pellets. Data represent mean and standard deviation, n=3 per group.

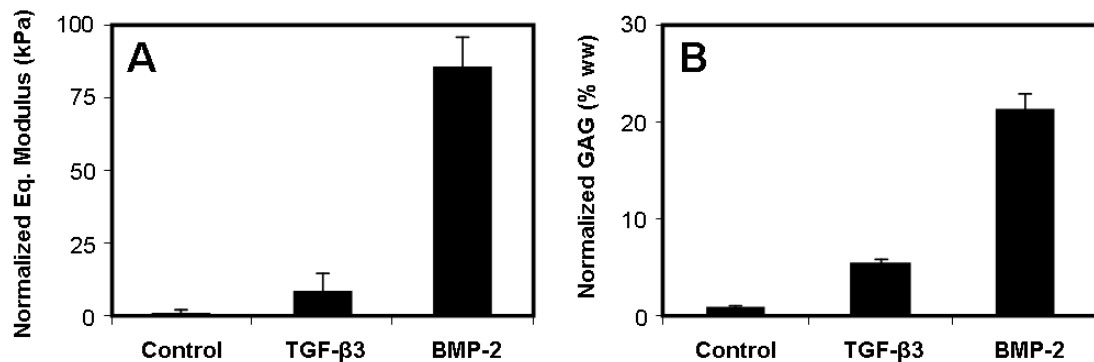


Figure 9-5: Bovine MSCs were seeded in agarose and cultured in control media (no growth factors), or 10 ng/mL TGF-β3 or 100 ng/mL BMP-2 supplemented media for 21 days. (A) Equilibrium modulus and (B) GAG content were highest for BMP-2 treated constructs. Data was normalized to control constructs and represent mean and standard deviation, n=3 per group.

From these preliminary studies, BMP-2 emerges as an attractive alternative to TGF- β 3, though several caveats remain. First, while BMP-2 can successfully induce chondrogenesis, it is also an osteogenic inducer. BMPs and TGF- β s signal through alternative Smad pathways (Smads 1/5/7 vs. Smads 2/3, respectively) and the BMP signaling pathway is important in bone formation. For example, constitutive activation of a BMP receptor, ALK-2, causes ectopic bone formation via endochondral ossification (Shore et al. 2006; Kaplan et al. 2007). Our own studies show that pellets treated with BMP-2 deposit a large fibrous ring devoid of type II collagen or proteoglycans (**Figure 9-6**), indicating an inclination toward a fibro-cartilaginous phenotype. Therefore, while the phenotype of TGF- β -induced MSCs is already in question, the phenotype of BMP-induced MSCs may be even less stable. Future studies will focus on these potential differences, and determine the feasibility of BMP-2 as a chondrogenic factor.

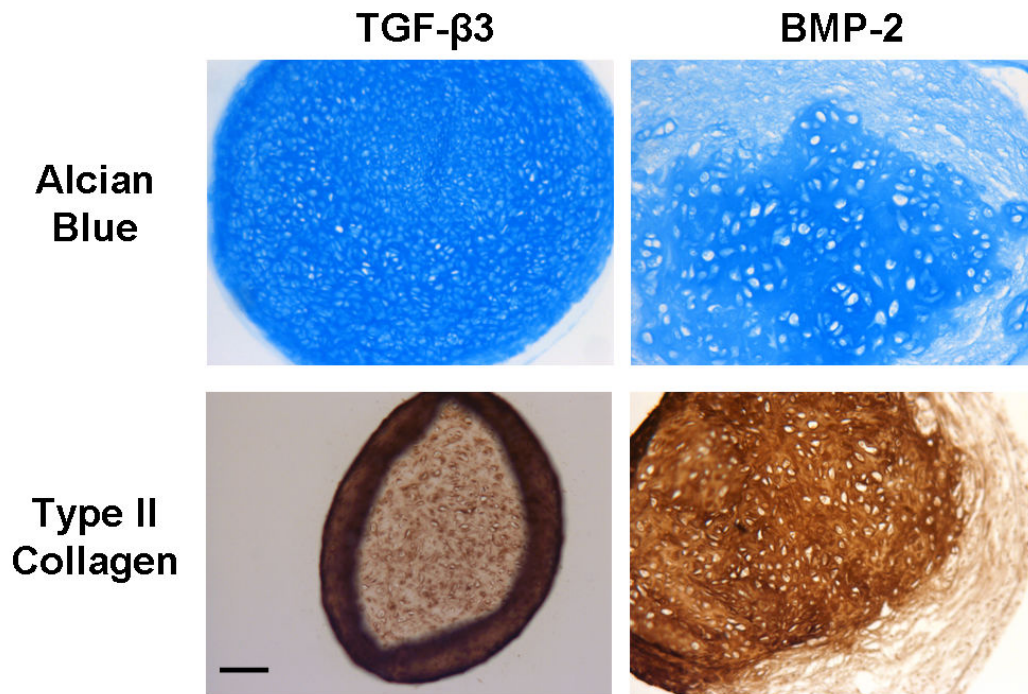


Figure 9-6: Alcian Blue and type II collagen immunostaining of bovine MSC pellets treated with 10 ng/mL TGF-β3 or 100 ng/mL BMP-2. Scale bar: 100 μm.

9.3 Conclusion

Despite the potential avenues open for future investigation, the work outlined in this thesis represents a significant advancement in the engineering of cartilage replacements as well as in our understanding of mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) chondrogenesis. We show that the established markers of chondrogenesis, while important, are insufficient indicators of functional MSC chondrogenesis and identify these transcriptional limitations, relative to fully differentiated articular chondrocytes. By better characterizing the transcriptional profiles of chondrogenesis, we achieve a better understanding of MSC differentiation and phenotype. We show that MSC chondrogenesis can be modulated by their chemical and mechanical environment; furthermore, we demonstrate for the first time that mechanical stimulation can improve

the compressive and tensile properties of MSC-based constructs for cartilage tissue engineering applications. The results presented here has important implications in the study of MSC mechanobiology, not only for the field of cartilage tissue engineering, but also for the engineering of other load-bearing tissues. Overall, the work described in this thesis provides a significant step forward toward clinical realization of a tissue engineered solution for cartilage regeneration.

APPENDIX 1: COMPLETE LIST OF GENES MODULATED BY DYNAMIC LOADING

Complete list of genes that were up-regulated (>3-fold) at week 6 with dynamic compressive loading compared to CM+ free-swelling control.

Probe Set ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
BL19979.1.S1.at	CHRNA5	cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 5
BL18132.1.S1.at	HRG	histidine-rich glycoprotein
BL26755.2.S1.a.at	LOC783009	similar to KIAA0674 protein
BL26636.1.S1.at	NKG7	natural killer cell group 7 sequence
BL26126.1.S1.at	LOC783038	Hypothetical protein LOC783038
BL25683.1.A1.at	MGC134028	similar to IIG9 protein
BL22408.1.S1.at	LOC407176	calcium activated potassium channel beta subunit
BL21044.2.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus moderately similar to NP_057296.1 retinoic acid receptor, bet
BL1207.1.S1.at	MGC179444	similar to putative protein product of LYST1046
BL1134.1.A1.at	NNAT	Neuronatin
BL6855.2.S1.at	LOC595941	similar to ribosome binding protein 1
BL6363.2.S1.at	KCNK1	potassium channel, subfamily K, member 1
BL729.1.S1.at	LOC786224	similar to Rse
BL7196.1.S1.at	CRHR1	corticotropin releasing hormone receptor 1
BL7196.1.S1.at	LOC404111	epidermal keratin VII
BL7196.1.S1.at	LOC513668	similar to collagen, type XXVII, alpha 1
BL6509.2.S1.at	LOC511043	Similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit
BL6007.1.S1.at	LOC519777	Similar to Suppressor of variegation 4-20 homolog 2 (Drosophila)
BL5194.2.S1.a.at	WBP1	WW domain binding protein 1
BL4858.1.S1.at	LOC504250	similar to dihydropyrimidinase related protein-1
BL48.1.S1.a.at	CD28	CD28 molecule
BL4768.1.S1.at	JAM1	junctional adhesion molecule 1
BL4414.2.S1.at	LOC532273	Hypothetical LOC532273
BL4298.3.S1.a.at	GPR172A	G protein-coupled receptor 172A
BL4133.1.S1.at	RGS16	regulator of G-protein signaling 16
BL4074.1.S1.at	FUT	alpha 1,3 fucosyltransferase
BL4057.2.S1.at	MYH10	myosin, heavy chain 10, non-muscle
BL37.2.S1.a.at	LHCGR	luteinizing hormone/choriogonadotropin receptor
BL20794.1.S1.at	---	Glucose induced gene (clone 2C) [cattle, thoracic aorta smooth muscle cells, mRNA]
BL20763.1.S1.at	---	Glucose induced gene (clone 2C) [cattle, thoracic aorta smooth muscle cells, mRNA]
BL20683.1.A1.at	TRB@	T cell receptor, beta cluster
BL25462.1.S1.at	LOC137262	Hyaluronoglucosaminidase 2
BL23178.1.S1.at	POLR2F	similar to cell division cycle associated 2
BL2867.1.S1.at	SCHIP1	polymerase (RNA) II (DNA directed) polypeptide F
BL28401.2.A1.at	LOC514978	schwannomin interacting protein 1
BL2843.1.S1.at	LOC510764	similar to lipopolysaccharide binding protein
BL28277.1.A1.at	LOC781988	similar to SAP52 protein
BL28014.1.S1.at	LOC407172	Hypothetical protein LOC781988
BL28004.2.S1.at	LOC505306	cAMP-gated channel
BL27681.1.A1.at	LOC539023	Hypothetical LOC505306
BL27484.1.A1.at	PLXNA3	similar to tripartite motif-containing 36
BL27329.1.A1.at	LOC41200	plexin A3
BL27319.1.A1.at	MGC151855	similar to 5-HT5A serotonin receptor
BL2698.1.S1.at	KHLH12	Hypothetical LOC508022
BL26827.1.S1.at	GPR114	kelch-like 12
BL26356.1.S1.at	DOK1	G-protein coupled receptor 114
BL26153.2.A1.at	LOC42602	docking protein 1
BL25924.1.A1.at	LOC514602	similar to Glutamate decarboxylase 1 (Glutamate decarboxylase, 67 kDa isoform) (
BL25924.1.A1.at	LOC513550	Hypothetical LOC513550
BL25924.1.A1.at	LOC5160119	similar to Fidgeline-like 1
BL25911.1.A1.at	LOC519443	similar to Family with sequence similarity 64, member A
BL25800.1.A1.at	FLJ32660	similar to Zinc finger and BTB domain containing 8
BL25767.2.A1.at	LOC527517	Hypothetical protein LOC509524
BL25666.1.A1.at	FAM19A5	similar to putative G protein-coupled receptor
BL2551.1.S1.at	CCNA2 ///	similar to TAF5A Cyclin A2 // similar to Cyclin A2

Probe Set ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
BL2519.1.S1.at	LOC786906	
BL25040.1.S1.at	PLAU	plasminogen activator, urokinase
BL24882.2.S1.at	MGC142697	similar to Plakophilin-3
BL24739.1.S1.at	MAP1B	microtubule-associated protein 1B
BL24643.1.S1.at	ELA2	elastase 2, neutrophil
BL24381.2.S1.at	APOBEC2	apolipoprotein B mRNA editing enzyme, catalytic polypeptide-like 2
BL23592.1.A1.at	NOX4	similar to dCMP deaminase
BL23480.1.S1.at	AHSG	NADPH oxidase 4
BL23250.3.A1.at	NOS2A	similar to distal-less homeobox protein
BL23126.2.A1.at	LOC785762	Alpha-2-HS-glycoprotein
BL23094.2.A1.at	CRISP-1	nitric oxide synthase 2A (inducible, hepatocytes)
BL22960.1.S1.at	MGC137443	similar to prostaglandin F synthase-like 1 protein
BL21993.1.S1.at	LOC594797	cysteine-rich secretory protein 1
BL21212.1.S1.at	LOC522363	similar to zinc finger transcription factor TreP-132
BL21130.1.S1.at	LOC596029	similar to KNP3
BL21087.2.S1.at	MGC143310	similar to putative transcription factor
BL2092.3.S1.at	LOC506953	similar to integrin alpha-7 precursor
BL20980.1.S1.at	MGC140206	similar to p53-regulated receptor for death and life
BL20778.2.S1.at	LOC510050	similar to TG-interacting factor
BL19690.1.A1.at	PON1	paraoxonase 1
BL19376.1.A1.at	G6PC	Glucose-6-phosphatase, catalytic subunit
BL19.2.A1.at	SLC24A1	solute carrier family 24 (sodium/potassium/calcium exchanger), member 1
BL18634.1.A1.at	LOC538993	similar to KIAA0748 protein
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BL17307.1.A1.at	LOC785202	keratin 18
BL16073.1.A1.at	MGC140771	similar to RIKEN cDNA 2510048L02 gene
BL16047.1.S1.at	LOC533166	similar to HUO3
BL15601.2.S1.at	XRCC5	myelin basic protein
BL14570.2.S1.at	WRNIP1	similar to mosaic protein LR11
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BL13721.1.S1.at	LOC512371	X-ray repair complementing defective repair in Chinese hamster cells 3
BL13470.2.S1.at	LOC787630	Werner helicase interacting protein 1
BL13092.1.S1.at	MIMP7	similar to hairy and enhancer of split 6
BL13030.2.A1.at	COL2A1	Similar to tumor protein p53 inducible protein 5
BL13003.9.S1.at	TRA@	hypothetical protein LOC787630
BL12989.1.S1.at	SEC14L2	matrix metalloproteinase 7 (matrilysin, uterine)
BL12818.3.A1.x.at	TSPY	collagen, type II, alpha 1
BL12636.1.A1.at	LOC514609	T cell receptor, alpha
BL12328.1.S1.at	LOC533089	T cell receptor, alpha
BL11506.1.A1.at	alpha globin	SEC14-like 2 (S. cerevisiae)
BL11410.1.A1.at	LOC512401	testis-specific protein, Y-encoded
BL11226.2.S1.at	LOC507102	similar to BCM-like membrane protein
BL11040.1.S1.at	LOC785319	similar to centromere protein F (350/400kD)
BL10719.1.S1.at	MGC140227	hemoglobin alpha chain
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BL106.1.S1.at	OSM	oncostatin M
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Bt.9789.1.S1.at	mas2	mas2
Bt.9683.1.A1.at	achete scute complex-like protein 2	MGC148604
Bt.9666.1.S1.at	similar to lymphocyte antigen 6 complex, locus G6E	MARK4
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Bt.9641.1.S1.at	similar to Apolipoprotein L 3	MGC148510
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Bt.9595.1.S1.at	gel-ladder mucin	LOC509661
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Bt.9281.1.S1.at	hypothetical protein LOC787353	LOC787353
Bt.9196.1.A1.at	similar to antigen identified by monoclonal antibody Ki-67	LOC513220
Bt.9163.1.A1.at	puerine receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 10	P2RY10
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Bt.891.1.S1.at	inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor, type 3	ITPR3
Bt.8869.1.S1.at	similar to Chromosome 16 open reading frame 77	LOC508292
Bt.8859.1.S1.at	Similar to ret. proto-oncogene	LOC515902
Bt.8834.2.S1.a.at	similar to Serine/arginine repetitive matrix protein 2	NRM
Bt.8824.1.S1.at	num. (nuclear envelope membrane protein)	LOC5152173
Bt.8804.1.S1.at	similar to inward rectifier potassium channel Kir1.2	MGC166235
Bt.8694.2.S1.at	similar to ret-related protein 2	LOC789036
Bt.8624.1.S1.at	similar to casp-1-interacting protein 2	ARG3
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Bt.86.1.S1.at	similar to Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 19	SERPINF2
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Bt.8479.1.A1.at	nitric oxide synthase 2A (inducible, hepatocytes)	NOS2A
Bt.8282.1.S2.at	dipeptidyl-peptidase 4 (CD26, adenosine deaminase complexing protein 2) // simi	DPF4
Bt.8279.1.A1.at	Similar to nuclear protein E3-3	LOC784693
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Bt.8127.1.S2.at	heparanase	HPSE
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Bt.738.1.S1.at	hypothetical LOC539721	COL10A1
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Bt.7003.2.S1.at	integrin beta 1 binding protein 3	ITGB1BP3
Bt.6976.1.S1.at	leupaxin	LPXN
Bt.6849.1.S1.at	selectin P ligand	SELPG
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Bt.6700.1.A1.at	similar to trophoblast Kunitz domain protein 2	LOC515917

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Bt.6509.3.S1.a.at	similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit	LOC511043
Bt.6413.1.S1.at	Hypothetical LOC509889	LOC509889
Bt.6413.1.S1.at	Hypothetical protein LOC616622	MGC127064
Bt.6163.1.S1.at	HTR4	HTR4
Bt.6072.1.S1.a.at	HTR4 serine peptidase 2	STX1A
Bt.6056.1.S1.at	similar to septin 5	LOC615408
Bt.6025.1.S1.at	solute carrier family 17 (fatty acid transporter), member 1	SLC27A1
Bt.597.1.S1.at	matrix metalloproteinase 20 (matrilysin)	MMP20
Bt.5945.1.A1.at	inter-alpha (globulin) inhibitor H4 (plasma kallikrein-sensitive glycoprotein)	ITIH4
Bt.594.1.S1.at	uterine milk protein precursor	LOC268671
Bt.5878.2.S1.at	serine dehydratase	SDS
Bt.5839.1.S1.at	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, cardiac muscle, fast twitch 1	ATP2A1
Bt.5839.1.S1.at	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, cardiac muscle, fast twitch 1	TSEN2
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Bt.576.1.S1.at	sphingomyelin phosphodiesterase 2, neutral membrane (neutral sphingomyelinase)	BSP30B
Bt.5718.1.S1.at	common salivary protein BSP30, form B	CACNA1G
Bt.565.1.S1.at	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, T type, alpha 1G subunit	CCRL1
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Bt.5579.1.S1.at	Similar to Protein KIAA0317	LOC540545
Bt.5577.1.S1.at	hypothetical LOC540545	LOC540545
Bt.5550.1.S1.at	similar to DEADH (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp/His) box polypeptide 11	IMPG1
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Bt.5430.1.S1.at	chromogranin B (secretogranin 1)	BCAN
Bt.5391.1.S1.at	breivican	BCAN
Bt.5390.2.S1.at	keratan	KERA
Bt.5354.1.S1.at	poly(A) polymerase beta (testis specific)	PAQBOLB
Bt.5353.2.S1.a.at	casein alpha-S2	CSN1S2
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Bt.5087.1.S1.at	patatin-like phospholipase domain containing 6	PNPLA6
Bt.507.1.S1.at	uncoupling protein 1	UCP1
Bt.5061.1.S1.at	phosphofructokinase, liver	PFKL
Bt.5046.2.A1.a.at	similar to Solute carrier family 7, (cationic amino acid transporter, y+ system)	LOC508670
Bt.5038.3.S1.a.at	fibroblast growth factor 1 (acidic)	FGF1
Bt.499.1.S1.a.at	prolactin receptor	PRLR
Bt.4899.1.S1.at	similar to Mucoepidermoid carcinoma translocated protein 1 (Transducer of regula	LOC510465
Bt.4865.1.S1.at	similar to emlin	LOC540451
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Bt.4774.1.S1.at	SVT1	SVT1
Bt.4760.1.S1.at	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha transducing activity poly	GNAT1
Bt.4731.1.S1.a.at	hydroxy-delta-5-steroid dehydrogenase, 3 beta- and steroid delta-isomerase 1	HSD3B1
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Bt.4698.1.S1.at	matrix metalloproteinase 9 (gelatinase B, 92kDa gelatinase, 92kDa type IV collagen	MMP9
Bt.4695.1.S1.at	tyrosine kinase with immunoglobulin and epidermal growth factor homology domains	TIE
Bt.4690.1.S1.at	polymetric immunoglobulin receptor	PIGR
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Bt.448.1.S1.at	phospholipase C, beta 1 (phosphoinositide-specific)	PLCB1
Bt.4387.2.S1.at	N-acetylglucosamine kinase	NAGK
Bt.4375.1.S1.at	UDP-Gal-beta-GlcNAc beta 1,4-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 3	B4GALT3
Bt.4321.1.S1.at	CCAA1 enhancer binding protein (CEBP), alpha	CEBPA
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Bt.3904.2.S1.a.at	survival motor neuron	SMN
Bt.3930.1.S1.at	acetylserbinin O-methyltransferase	ASMT
Bt.3903.1.S1.at	C10A3 ///	
Bt.3895.4.S1.a.at	chloride channel, calcium activated, family member 3 ///	LOC784768
Bt.3863.1.S1.at	zinc finger protein 36, C3H type, homolog (mouse)	ZFP38
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Bt.3757.1.S1.at	similar to myeloid zinc finger 1	LOC523865
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Bt.3686.1.S1.at	interleukin 6 (interferon, beta 2)	IL6
Bt.365.1.S2.at	synaptotagmin 1	SYNJ1
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Bt.3315.1.A1.at	similar to D-lactate dehydrogenase isoform 2 precursor	MGC139689
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Bt.3046.1.S1.at	snail homolog 1 (Drosophila)	SNAIL
Bt.3027.1.S1.at	HLA-B associated transcript 3	BAT3
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Bt.2928.1.S1.at	protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 13 like	PPP1R13L
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Bt.29147.1.S1.at	Proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-ATPase, 13	PSMD13
Bt.29137.1.A1.at	Fas-activated serine/threonine kinase	FASTK
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Bt.29059.1.A1.at	similar to N-benzyloxyl-L-tyrosyl-p-amino-benzoic acid hydrolase alpha subunit	LOC513936
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Bt.28966.1.S1.at	phospholipase A2 group IIA-like ///	LOC100125947
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Bt.28664.1.A1.at	similar to catechol O-methyltransferase, membrane-bound form	MGC140449
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Bl_24966.1.S1.at	CHAF1B	chromatin assembly factor 1, subunit B (p60)
Bl_24925.2.A1.at	RHAG	Rh-associated glycoprotein
Bl_24923.2.S1.a.at	LOC535060	hypothetical LOC535060
Bl_24850.1.S1.at	MGC157325	similar to copine-like protein
Bl_24835.1.A1.at	LOC514561	similar to retinoldehase-associated factor 600 (RBAF-600)
Bl_24743.1.S1.at	LOC521454	similar to snute carrier family 12, member 8
Bl_24694.2.S1.at	LOC511689	similar to KIAA1237 protein
Bl_24688.1.S1.at	MGC152284	similar to M83
Bl_24664.1.S1.at	LOC536439	similar to NAALADase II protein
Bl_24661.1.S1.at	LOC533455	similar to Sck
Bl_24645.1.A1.at	LOC613372	hypothetical LOC613372
Bl_24635.2.A1.at	IGFALS	insulin-like growth factor binding protein, acid labile subunit
Bl_24592.3.S1.at	LOC509859	similar to KIAA0342 protein
Bl_24594.2.S1.at	MGC139844	similar to malic enzyme 3, NADP(+)-dependent, mitochondrial
Bl_24584.1.A1.at	MGC139844	similar to malic enzyme 3, NADP(+)-dependent, mitochondrial
Bl_24542.2.S1.a.at	LOC512034	similar to neurotrophin
Bl_24532.1.A1.at	MGC148783	similar to interleukin 17 receptor B
Bl_24526.1.S1.at	LOC507318 ///	hypothetical LOC507318 /// hypothetical protein LOC781116
Bl_24519.1.S1.at	LOC781116	similar to Hics
Bl_24517.1.S1.at	GPRC5B	G protein-coupled receptor, family C, group 5, member B
Bl_24516.2.A1.a.at	VSIG2	V-set and immunoglobulin domain containing 2
Bl_24499.1.A1.at	LOC618639	similar to potassium voltage-gated channel, subfamily H, member 8
Bl_24490.2.S1.at	LOC512321	hypothetical LOC512321
Bl_24490.2.S1.at	RPP38	ribonuclease P/MRP 38kDa subunit
Bl_24488.1.A1.at	LOC782819	similar to zinc finger protein 35
Bl_24485.1.S1.at	ZNF746	zinc finger protein 746
Bl_24455.2.A1.at	LOC510922	hypothetical LOC510922
Bl_24437.1.S1.at	MGC165861	similar to serine/threonine protein kinase
Bl_24430.1.S1.at	LOC529593	hypothetical LOC529593
Bl_24416.1.S1.at	MGC152069	similar to Rho GDP-dissociation inhibitor 3 (Rho GDI 3) (Rho-GDI gamma)
Bl_24411.1.A1.at	LOC618360	hypothetical LOC618360
Bl_24393.2.S1.at	MGC157235	similar to Derf-6 protein
Bl_24218.1.S1.at	NFE2	nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2), 45kDa
Bl_24217.1.S1.at	OPRM1	opioid receptor, mu 1
Bl_2421.1.S1.at	MGC152175	similar to DKFZP564O0823 protein
Bl_24157.1.A1.at	NR2E3	nuclear receptor subfamily 2, group E, member 3
Bl_24151.1.A1.at	LOC654400	GATA-6
Bl_24098.1.A1.a.at	LOC524491	similar to cut-like 2
Bl_23953.1.A1.at	MGC126989	similar to Putative deoxyribose-phosphate aldolase (Phosphodeoxyribaldolase) (D
Bl_23878.1.A1.at	LOC536537	hypothetical LOC536537
Bl_23852.1.A1.at	APOB	apolipoprotein B
Bl_23513.1.S1.at	TAT	tyrosine aminotransferase
Bl_23376.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_115955.1 esophagus cancer-related ge
Bl_23367.2.S1.at	LOC505399	similar to hook1 protein
Bl_23367.1.S1.at	LOC505399	similar to hook1 protein
Bl_23294.1.A1.at	PDLIM3	PDZ and LIM domain 3
Bl_23250.4.A1.at	AHSV8	Alpha-2-HS-glycoprotein
Bl_232.1.S1.at	SVS8	seminal vesicle secretion 8
Bl_23176.2.S1.a.at	IGF2	insulin-like growth factor 2
Bl_23094.6.A1.at	AKR1C3	aldo-keto reductase family 1, member C3 (3-alpha hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, t
Bl_23094.3.S1.x.at	LOC782061	similar to AKR1C1 protein
Bl_23094.2.A1.x.at	LOC785762	similar to prostaglandin F synthase-like 1 protein
Bl_23081.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to XP_988493.1 PREDICTED: hypothetical protein
Bl_23042.1.S1.at	MT-1A	metallothionein-1A
Bl_22948.1.S1.s.at	KIR2DS1 ///	Killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor, three domains, long cytoplasmic tail,
Bl_22945.1.S1.at	KIR3DL1 ///	Killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor, three domains, long cytoplasmic tail,
Bl_22867.2.A1.at	BOLA-DQA1	histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ alpha, type 1
Bl_22846.1.S1.at	TSPAN33	tetraspanin, 33
Bl_22843.3.S1.at	LOC515398	similar to Protoprion convertase subtilisin/kexin type 7
Bl_22801.1.S1.at	LOC515398	similar to keratin 15
Bl_22766.1.A1.at	MGC152033	Hypothetical LOC515055
Bl_22742.1.A1.at	LOC507595	Similar to MYO30 protein
Bl_22741.1.S1.at	LOC507243	similar to chloride channel form A
Bl_22727.1.S1.at	CLDN18	claudin 18
Bl_22696.1.A1.at	TMEM35	transmembrane protein 35
Bl_22642.1.A1.at	LOC530095	similar to diacylglycerol kinase iota

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Bl_22638.2.S1.at	LOC618779	similar to NOL1NOP2/Sun domain family 4 protein
Bl_22638.1.A1.at	LOC618779	similar to NOL1NOP2/Sun domain family 4 protein
Bl_22586.1.A1.at	MGC128108	Similar to myo-inositol monophosphatase A3
Bl_22561.1.A1.at	RPLP0	ribosomal protein, large, P0
Bl_22525.1.A1.at	LOC540254	similar to DGCR8, protein
Bl_22422.1.S1.at	MGC127459	similar to small nuclear RNA activating complex, polypeptide 2, 45kDa
Bl_2241.1.S1.at	FLJ10458	seminal plasma 30K protein
Bl_22388.1.S1.at	MGC127459	Notchless gene homolog
Bl_22371.2.S1.at	MGC127459	Myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein
Bl_22369.1.S1.at	MGC142472	similar to bromodomain containing protein 3
Bl_22334.1.S1.at	LOC616898	hypothetical protein LOC616898
Bl_22316.1.S1.at	IQCC	IQ motif containing C
Bl_22268.1.S1.at	LOC781073	similar to KIAA1831 protein
Bl_22237.1.A1.at	LOC538699	hypothetical LOC538699
Bl_22229.2.S1.at	MGC126900	similar to Proto-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase LCK (P56-LCK) (LCK) (T cell-sp
Bl_22206.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_944914.1 PREDICTED: similar to CG176
Bl_22174.1.S1.at	LOC523661	similar to putative N-ATPase
Bl_22115.1.S1.at	LOC510792	similar to neural plakophilin-related arm-repeat protein (NPRAP)
Bl_22094.1.A1.at	MGC142386	similar to chromosome 9 open reading frame 26 (NF-HEV)
Bl_22088.3.S1.at	PFEN4	prefoldin subunit 4
Bl_21997.2.A1.at	PPM1K	protein phosphatase 1K (PP2C domain containing)
Bl_21988.1.S1.at	LOC523257 ///	hypothetical LOC523257 /// hypothetical protein LOC786973
Bl_21975.1.S1.at	PRF1	performin 1 (pore forming protein)
Bl_21765.2.S1.at	MLF1	myeloid leukemia factor 1
Bl_21749.2.S1.at	LOC533805	similar to KIAA0467 protein
Bl_21748.1.S1.at	LOC533805	similar to KIAA0467 protein
Bl_21690.2.S1.at	TUT1	terminal uridylyl transferase 1, U6 snRNA-specific
Bl_21685.2.S1.at	LOC516875	Similar to phosphoinositide-binding proteins
Bl_21667.2.S1.a.at	LOC506836	similar to RPLUSD2 protein
Bl_21648.1.S1.at	CIDEB	cell death-inducing DFFA-like effector b
Bl_21621.1.S1.at	TMED1	transmembrane emp24 protein transport domain containing 1
Bl_21604.2.S1.at	LOC534284	similar to senataxin
Bl_21483.2.A1.at	APC	adenomatous polyposis coli
Bl_21459.1.S1.at	NCAPH2	non-SMC condensin II complex, subunit H2
Bl_21422.2.S1.at	LOC514230	hypothetical LOC514230
Bl_21401.1.S1.at	MGC137196	Similar to CG31803-PA
Bl_21365.1.S1.at	LOC513829	similar to Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2-alpha kinase 4 (GCN2-like
Bl_21348.1.A1.at	LOC513801	similar to Chromosome 6 open reading frame 151
Bl_21341.1.S1.at	TNRC4	truncal repeat containing 4
Bl_21331.1.S1.at	LOC6126900	similar to Proto-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase LCK (P56-LCK) (LCK) (T cell-sp
Bl_21310.1.S1.at	LOC508569	similar to Family with sequence similarity 98, member C
Bl_21284.2.S1.at	LOC506264	similar to Cysteine rich transmembrane BMP regulator 1 (chordin like)
Bl_21126.1.S1.at	SNCB	synuclein, beta
Bl_21079.2.S1.at	MGC152608	similar to macrophage-derived chemokine
Bl_21079.2.S1.at	LOC533008	similar to Solute carrier family 35, member F2
Bl_21056.1.S1.at	MGC142482	similar to Derf-3 (Der1-like protein 3) (DERtrin 3)
Bl_21019.2.S1.at	LOC538483	hypothetical LOC538483
Bl_21013.1.S1.at	PLK3	polo-like kinase 3 (Drosophila)
Bl_20969.1.S1.at	PEMT	phosphatidylethanolamine N-methyltransferase
Bl_209.2.S1.at	LYZ	lysozyme (renal amyloidosis)
Bl_20872.3.S1.a.at	LOC783989	similar to phosphatidylinositol glycan anchor biosynthesis, class O
Bl_20866.1.A1.at	LIPIC	Lipase, hepatic
Bl_20759.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_055554.1 BCL2-associated transcription
Bl_20736.1.S1.at	LOC525566	similar to Zinc finger protein PLAGL2 (Pleiomorphic adenoma-like protein 2)
Bl_20735.2.A1.at	LOC514182	Similar to CG10341-PA
Bl_20692.5.S1.at	MGC179370	Similar to Docking protein 2, 56kDa
Bl_20593.1.A1.at	MGC140018	similar to Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase C (PPIase) (Rotamase) (Cytochili
Bl_20557.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus
Bl_20546.1.S1.a.at	LOC524847	similar to protein tyrosine phosphatase HD-PTP
Bl_20525.1.S1.at	MGC139756	similar to F-box only protein 2
Bl_20523.1.S1.at	PRSS16	Protease, serine, 16
Bl_20511.1.S1.at	LOC783943 ///	similar to Rat guanine nucleotide dissociation stimulator A
Bl_20495.1.S1.at	LOC504985	similar to tuberin
Bl_20478.1.S1.at	LOC512021	similar to Rho guanine exchange factor 15
Bl_20431.3.S1.at	MGC140538	similar to Max interacting protein 1
Bl_20419.2.S1.a.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_588451.3 PREDICTED: similar to NFBD1 [
Bl_20399.1.S1.at	HSD17B13	hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 13
Bl_20382.1.S1.at	MGC152539	similar to ankyrin repeat domain 29
Bl_20362.2.S1.at	LOC516567	similar to KIAA0365 protein
Bl_20330.1.S1.at	MGC139156	hypothetical LOC538575
Bl_20278.1.S1.at	LOC527271	similar to KIAA0385

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Bt.20243.1.S1_at	LOC787696	similar to topoisomerase II
Bt.20243.2.A1_at	OC763594 ///	solute carrier family 25, member 28 // similar to solute carrier family 25, mem
Bt.20152.1.S1_at	LOC535581	similar to 85 kDa calcium-independent phospholipase A2
Bt.20151.1.S1_at	LOC535996	similar to senaphom V
Bt.20093.1.S1_at	--	Transcribed locus
Bt.20057.1.S1_at	LOC505668 ///	similar to cathepsin G
Bt.19958.1.A1_at	LOC505956	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_035214.1 phosphatidylinositol 3-kin
Bt.1994.1.S1_at	MGC10471	hypothetical protein MGC10471
Bt.19824.2.S1_at	FJ14213	hypothetical protein FJ14213
Bt.19786.1.S1_at	BGAL72	UDP-Gal:beta-DNAc beta 1,3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2
Bt.19762.2.S1_a at	RACBP1	interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 1 binding protein 1
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC614980 ///	---
Bt.19761.2.S1_at	LOC784282 ///	---
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC784282 ///	similar to T-cell receptor beta chain C region /// similar to T-cell receptor be
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC614980 ///	---
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC614980 ///	---
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC617281 ///	---
Bt.19761.1.S1_at	LOC784307 ///	hypothetical LOC509513 /// similar to T-cell receptor beta chain C region /// sl
Bt.19756.1.S1_at	APOB	apolipoprotein B
Bt.19574.1.S1_at	LOC536103	similar to putative 4 repeat voltage-gated ion channel
Bt.19568.1.A1_at	LOC515085	Similar to SH2 domain-containing phosphatase anchor protein 2a
Bt.19544.1.A1_at	MGC179444	similar to putative protein product of HYST1046
Bt.19509.1.A1_at	LOC505588	Similar to cytochrome P450 2C23 (CYPC23) (Arachidonic acid epoxigenase)
Bt.19501.1.A1_at	MGC140472	Similar to Cytochrome P450 2C23 (CYPC23) (Arachidonic acid epoxigenase)
Bt.19419.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_942891.1 PREDICTED: similar to SET d
Bt.19396.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.19333.2.A1_at	SLC35C2	solute carrier family 35, member C2
Bt.19304.1.A1_at	MGC142440	Similar to DAZ interacting protein 1
Bt.19281.2.S1_at	LOC515490	Similar to Crp42 GTPase-activating protein
Bt.19251.1.S1_at	LMO1	LIM domain only 1 (Rhotabotin 1)
Bt.19244.1.A1_at	SERPINB9	Serpin perlecan inhibitor, class B (ovalbumin), member 9
Bt.19186.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_990335.1 antileukoproteiinase [Sus sco
Bt.19109.1.A1_at	LOC788854	hypothetical protein LOC788854
Bt.19064.2.S1_at	MGC159696	similar to Bicoid-like protein
Bt.19043.2.A1_at	MGC151539	Similar to beta1.6-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase V
Bt.19006.1.A1_at	LOC504557	Similar to alpha-1,3-mannosidase
Bt.18973.1.S1_a at	MGC139026	Similar to alpha-1,3-mannosidase
Bt.18959.1.A1_at	LOC515165	hypothetical LOC506184
Bt.18953.1.A1_at	LOC790875	similar to AG-3 protein
Bt.18932.1.A1_at	MGC142353	Hypothetical protein LOC790875
Bt.18821.1.A1_at	LOC513810	Similar to centrin 3
Bt.18815.2.A1_at	LOC509768	similar to RIKEN GDNA C230A3N17 gene
Bt.18776.1.S1_at	KIAA0101	GTPase-like protein
Bt.18756.1.S1_at	LOC422552	KIAA0101 protein
Bt.18748.1.A1_at	LOC505956	Cdc42 small effector 2
Bt.18653.1.A1_at	MGC133901	similar to Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, B
Bt.18655.1.S1_at	LOC504856	Similar to CG117760-PB
Bt.18571.1.S1_at	MGC155295	Similar to myeloid lymphoid or mixed-lineage leukemia (rithorax homolog, Drosop
Bt.18571.1.S1_at	MGC155295	Similar to disks large-associated protein 4
Bt.18565.1.S1_at	LOC534714	Similar to zinc finger and BTB domain containing 40
Bt.18504.1.S1_at	MIMP3	matrix metalloproteinase 3 (stromelysin 1, progelatinase)
Bt.18501.1.A1_at	IRF6	similar to Diacylglycerol kinase beta (Diacylglycerol kinase beta) (DGK-beta) (DAG
Bt.18476.2.S1_at	LOC508197	Interferon regulatory factor 5
Bt.18466.1.A1_at	LOC508197	Interferon regulatory factor 5
Bt.18435.2.S1_a at	LOC508187	similar to KIAA0759 protein
Bt.18435.1.S1_at	LOC508187	similar to KIAA0759 protein
Bt.18347.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_922484.2 PREDICTED: similar to thrombo
Bt.18329.1.A1_at	LOC509506	Similar to human ras GTPase-activating protein, Gap1m
Bt.18323.1.A1_at	SLC27A3	similar to Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily F, polypeptide 2
Bt.1828.1.A1_at	LOC515359	solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 3
Bt.18260.1.A1_at	PPARA	similar to carbonic anhydrase V
Bt.18241.1.A1_at	LOC514380	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha
Bt.1819.1.S1_at	MGC157300	similar to desmoglein isoform II
Bt.18081.1.A1_at	KIF20A	Hypothetical LOC534625
Bt.18037.1.S1_at	LOC540860	kinesin family member 20A
Bt.18016.1.A1_at	LOC782347	hypothetical LOC540860
Bt.17964.1.S1_at	ICOS	Similar to TUBA
Bt.17957.1.A1_at	LOC615386	similar to light ear protein
Bt.17939.2.S1_at	MGC127503	inducible T-cell co-stimulator
Bt.17932.1.S1_at	LOC514613	Similar to Argininosuccinate lyase (Argininosuccrase) (ASAL)
Bt.17922.1.A1_at	MGC140268	Similar to ADP-sugar pyrophosphatase (Nucleoside diphosphate-linked moiety X mot

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BL 27430.2.S1.at	LOC5606029	similar to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 2
BL 27425.1.A1.a.at	EGFR	epidermal growth factor receptor (erythroblastic leukemia viral (v-erb-b) oncogene)
BL 27036.1.S1.at	CYP4F2	cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily F, polypeptide 2
BL 26983.1.S1.at	CASP1	caspace 1
BL 26980.1.S1.at	LOC785895 /// LOC786146	hypothetical protein LOC785895 /// hypothetical protein LOC786146
BL 26772.1.S1.at	MGC137966	similar to Protein FAM2368
BL 26578.1.S1.at	MGC140507	similar to energy metabolism-related sodium-dependent high-affinity dicarboxylat
BL 26426.1.A1.at	MGC158967	hypothetical LOC517625
BL 26051.1.A1.at	LOC321326	similar to OT1UHM000005631
BL 25316.1.A1.at	LOC532869	similar to type V P-type ATPase
BL 24911.1.A1.at	LOC532620	similar to Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 26
BL 24899.1.A1.at	LOC539563	similar to MAPmicrotubule affinity-regulating kinase
BL 24821.1.S1.at	MGC137561	similar to acyl-Coenzyme A binding domain containing 4
BL 24770.1.S1.at	COR07	coronin 7
BL 24724.1.S1.at	LOC599296	similar to gasdermin-like
BL 24550.1.S1.a.at	COMTID	catechol-O-methyltransferase domain containing 1
BL 24515.1.S1.at	LOC507082	Akt substrate AS250
BL 24495.1.A1.at	LOC514322	similar to AarF domain containing kinase 4
BL 24447.2.S1.at	F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2
BL 24417.1.S1.at	F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2
BL 24012.1.A1.at	LOC511531	similar to guanylate binding protein 1
BL 23840.1.A1.at	TLR3	tol-like receptor 3
BL 23490.1.A1.a.at	TLR3	tol-like receptor 3
BL 23493.1.S1.at	LOC786335	similar to muscle glycogen synthase
BL 23354.1.S1.at	MGC128963	similar to epoxide hydrolase 1
BL 23171.2.S1.at	PCBD1	pterin-4 alpha-carbinolamine dehydratase/dimerization cofactor of hepatocyte nuc
BL 23126.1.S1.at	NOS2A	nitric oxide synthase 2A (inducible, hepatocytes)
BL 23094.1.S1.at	LOC782922	similar to prostaglandin F synthetase II
BL 23094.1.A1.at	AKR1C1	aldo-keto reductase family 1, member C1 (dihydrodiol dehydrogenase 1; 20-alpha (
BL 23093.1.S1.at	CXCL3	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 3
BL 23092.1.S1.at	COX6A1	cytochrome c oxidase subunit VIa polypeptide 1
BL 22809.1.S1.at	NFIA	nuclear factor 1A
BL 22377.2.S1.at	MGC139420	similar to mitochondrial carrier protein MGC139420
BL 22366.2.A1.at	MGC128008	hypothetical LOC510399
BL 22384.1.A1.at	MGC139294	similar to immunoglobulin superfamily, member 4B
BL 22359.2.A1.at	RIOK3	RIO Kinase 3 (yeast)
BL 22359.2.A1.at	LOC506412 /// LOC616035 /// LOC618238 ///	serum amyloid A 3 /// serum amyloid A-like /// hypothetical LOC616035 /// simila
BL 22322.1.S1.at	SAK3	similar to Chromosome 1 open reading frame 26
BL 22160.1.S1.at	MGC152609	similar to START domain-containing 5 protein
BL 22144.2.S1.at	MGC155130	similar to START domain-containing 5 protein
BL 22144.1.S1.at	MGC155130	Transcribed locus
BL 22085.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus
BL 22056.2.S1.a.at	MGC127615	similar to abhydrolase domain containing 1 (predicted)
BL 22012.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus
BL 21950.1.S1.at	LOC616732	similar to IL-10-inducible chemokine
BL 21909.1.S1.at	LOC514831 /// LOC784320 ///	hypothetical LOC514831 /// hypothetical LOC617160 /// hypothetical protein LOC78
BL 2181.1.S1.at	AKAP4	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 4
BL 21331.2.S1.at	CCR5	chemokine (C-C motif) receptor 5
BL 21192.2.A1.at	LOC613658	hypothetical LOC613658
BL 21156.1.S1.at	LOC505802	similar to telomerase-associated protein TP-1
BL 20960.1.S1.at	AMY2B	amylase, alpha 2B (pancreatic)
BL 20863.2.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_032704.1 nuclear receptor coactivato
BL 20863.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_001071470.1 eukaryotic translation i
BL 20384.1.S1.at	MGC159638	similar to branched chain acyl-CoA oxidase
BL 20372.1.S1.at	MGC130065	similar to paraoxonase 3
BL 19818.1.A1.at	DDX9	Nuclear DNA helicase II
BL 1928.1.S1.at	LOC526642	similar to VLD repeat domain 59
BL 19247.1.S1.at	SULT1C2	sulfotransferase family, cytosolic, 1C, member 2
BL 18965.1.A1.at	LOC537901	Similar to Na+-driven G-HCO3 exchanger
BL 18903.1.S1.at	LOC613668	Similar to heterogenous nuclear ribonucleoprotein L-like
BL 18893.1.S1.at	LAT2	linker for activation of T cells family, member 2
BL 18801.1.A1.at	CREB1	CAMP responsive element binding protein 1
BL 18690.2.A1.at	LOC539401	similar to Aylsulfatase B precursor (ASB) (N-acetyl-galactosamine-4-sulfatase) (
BL 18631.1.A1.at	SPRY4	Sprouty homolog 4 (Orsophila)
BL 18492.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_001001712.1 PREDICTED: similar to zinc
BL 18484.1.A1.at	NT5DC1	5'-nucleotidase domain containing 1
BL 18423.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_582187.3 PREDICTED: hypothetical prote
BL 18243.1.A1.s.at	BCL2	B-cell CLL/lymphoma 2

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BL 18075.1.A1.at	LOC616404	Similar to actin-related protein 3-beta
BL 17766.1.S1.at	MGC160071	similar to Chromosome 3 open reading frame 23
BL 17607.2.A1.at	PLD1	phospholipase D1, phosphatidylcholine-specific
BL 17499.1.A1.at	LOC524684	similar to subtilisin-like proprotein convertase (EC 3.4.21.-) PAGE4
BL 17498.2.A1.at	LOC511508	Similar to KIAA0438
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BL 17396.1.A1.at	LOC537224	similar to KIAA0188
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BL 16514.1.S1.at	MGC127339	similar to cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily v, polypeptide 2
BL 16402.1.A1.at	STAI1	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 1
BL 16382.1.A1.at	LOC6155061	similar to calcitonin receptor-like receptor
BL 16021.1.S1.at	CHRNA1	choleergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 1 (muscle)
BL 15996.1.S2.at	ACAS2L	acetyl-Coenzyme A synthetase 2 (AMP forming)-like
BL 15978.1.S1.at	MOC51	molybdenum cofactor synthesis 1
BL 15908.1.S1.at	LOC781882 ///	methyltransferase like 7A /// hypothetical protein LOC781882
BL 15842.1.S1.at	MEITL7A	thyroid hormone responsive (SPOT14 homolog, rat)
BL 14570.2.S1.at	MGC137464	similar to 4-aminobutyrate aminotransferase, mitochondrial precursor ((S)-3-amin
BL 14366.1.S1.at	LOC532209	Similar to AML1-EV1-1 fusion protein
BL 1409.1.S1.at	MGC127860	similar to Protein CGI-38
BL 13796.1.S1.at	LOC783399	similar to Equ c1
BL 13708.2.S1.a.at	LOC781217	similar to ATM/ATR-Substrate CHK2-interacting Zr12+-finger protein
BL 13650.1.S1.at	LOC514078	similar to KIAA1119 protein
BL 13556.1.S1.at	LOC514792 ///	similar to H factor 1 (complement)
BL 13451.1.S1.at	F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2
BL 13381.1.S1.at	MGC139113	similar to Cell death activator CIDE-3 (Cell death-inducing DFFA-like effector p
BL 13345.1.A1.at	LOC784739	hypothetical protein LOC784739
BL 13325.1.S1.at	MFNG	MFNG O-ucosylpeptide 3-beta-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase
BL 132.1.S1.at	DEFB1	defensin, beta 1
BL 13125.1.S1.s.at	LOC783935 ///	neutrophil beta-defensin 4 /// hypothetical protein LOC783935 /// similar to neu
BL 13125.1.S1.at	LOC783935	hypothetical protein LOC783935
BL 13096.1.A1.at	FIGF	c-fos induced growth factor (vascular endothelial growth factor D)
BL 1300.1.S1.at	LOC509642	similar to oxylized-LDL responsive gene 2
BL 12991.1.S1.at	FGF10	fibroblast growth factor 10
BL 12991.1.A1.at	FGF10	fibroblast growth factor 10
BL 12743.2.A1.at	ANTXR2	antirax toxin receptor 2
BL 12565.1.S1.at	MGC127362	similar to solute carrier family 31, member 2
BL 12403.1.S1.at	MGC137860	similar to p70RBE protein
BL 12319.1.S1.at	MGC139145	similar to Protein C11orf13 homolog
BL 12301.1.S1.at	PTGER2	prostaglandin E receptor 2 (subtype EP2), 53kDa
BL 12206.1.S1.x.at	BNBD-9-LIKE ///	neutrophil beta-defensin-9 like peptide /// defensin beta 7 /// defensin beta 8
BL 12081.1.S1.at	DEFB7 /// DEFB8	similar to TUBA
BL 12010.2.S1.at	LOC782347	similar to ADAMT S1
BL 11446.1.A1.at	LD82	LIM domain binding 2
BL 1116.2.S1.at	MGC140191	similar to GABA-B receptor
BL 1115.1.S1.at	LOC533323	similar to cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase
BL 10966.1.S1.at	GDPD2	glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase domain containing 2
BL 10941.1.S1.at	LOC540550	similar to CHCR
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BL 10232.1.A1.at	MGC148024	Similar to PAR-6 beta
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BL 9992.1.S1.at	MGC128443	similar to proline-rich protein 3
BL 9974.2.S1.at	CCL3L1	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3-like 1
BL 9972.1.S1.at	ITGB6	integrin, beta 6
BL 976.1.A1.at	ILF3	Interleukin enhancer binding factor 3
BL 9704.1.S1.at	COX19	COX19 cytochrome c oxidase assembly homolog (S. cerevisiae)
BL 9682.1.S1.at	LYZ1	lysozyme 1
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BL 9649.1.A1.at	MGC126871	similar to TRRAP protein
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BL 9460.1.S1.at	MGC143300	ET4-like factor 1 (ets domain transcription factor)
BL 9416.1.S1.at	LOC613472	similar to Cactl, interacting molecule MICAL
BL 9390.1.A1.at	LOC613472	similar to ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated protein 1
BL 9351.1.A1.at	LOC539354	similar to solute carrier family 35, member A4
BL 9296.1.A1.at	LOC512486	similar to interferon-induced guanylate-binding protein 1 (GTP-binding protein 1
BL 9292.1.A1.at	LOC598406	similar to Chromosome 1 open reading frame 166
BL 9288.1.S1.at	LOC537028	hypothetical LOC537028

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Bt.9192.1.S1_at	similar to chromosome 17 open reading frame 27	LOC509283
Bt.9172.1.S1_at	similar to putative nuclear protein	LOC56702
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Bt.9131.1.S1_at	similar to LAIR filig	LOC616814
Bt.9128.1.S1_at	similar to KIAA0342 protein	LOC538493
Bt.9099.1.S1_at	Similar to Cg18177-PB	MGC138130
Bt.9071.1.S1_at	ribonucleoprotein, PTB-binding 1	RAVER1
Bt.9045.1.S1_at	similar to chromosome 14 open reading frame 173	LOC538493
Bt.9034.1.S1_at	similar to Prolinr like 15	LOC538952
Bt.9027.1.S1_at	nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor, al	NFKBIA
Bt.901.2.S1_a_at	similar to type 6 nucleoside diphosphate kinase NM23-H6	LOC509354
Bt.8979.1.S1_at	similar to cytoplasmic polyadenylation element binding protein CPEB2b	LOC538880
Bt.8902.1.S1_at	islet cell autoantigen 1, 69kDa	ICA1
Bt.8887.1.S1_at	similar to transmembrane protein 62	LOC515078
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Bt.88.1.S1_at	cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 7	CHRNA7
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Bt.8436.1.S1_at	actin, alpha 1, skeletal muscle	LOC517133
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Bt.7651.1.S1_at	ankyrin repeat and SOCS box-containing 11	MGC142929
Bt.7639.1.S1_at	similar to CG11986-PA	LOC514844
Bt.7620.1.S1_at	similar to expressed in synovial lining protein	ERC06L
Bt.7619.1.S1_at	excision repair cross-complementing rodent repair deficiency, complementation gr	TTVH1
Bt.7600.1.S1_at	twenty homolog 1 (Drosophila)	LOC506900
Bt.759.1.S1_at	histone H2A1 (H2A1)	SLC4A2
Bt.759.1.S1_at	solute carrier family 4, anion exchanger, member 2 (erythrocyte membrane protein	LOC781024 /// LOC781057 /// LOC781072 /// LOC781114 /// LOC781191 /// LOC781232
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Bt.737.1.S1_a_at	ligase III, DNA, ATP-dependent	RNPEP
Bt.7272.1.S1_at	arginyl aminopeptidase (aminopeptidase B)	LOC510413
Bt.7263.1.S1_at	similar to PCAF associated factor 65 beta	B3GALT2
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Bt.6783.1.S1_at	hypothetical LOC506660	LOC527162
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Bt.6105.1.S1_at	hypothetical LOC619120	ANK3
Bt.6086.1.S1_at	ankyrin 3, node of Ranvier (ankyrin G)	DNALC11
Bt.6020.1.S1_at	Dnal (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily C, member 11	RNF168
Bt.6014.2.S1_at	ring finger protein 168	MGC138676
Bt.5898.1.S1_at	similar to Chromosome 16 open reading frame 24	MGC140597
Bt.5760.1.S1_at	similar to Serine/threonine-protein kinase PAK 1 (p21-activated kinase 1) (PAK-1	SCAMP2
Bt.5634.1.S1_at	secretory carrier membrane protein 2	LOC534759
Bt.5590.2.S1_at	similar to G patch domain containing 8	PTPN2
Bt.5589.1.S1_at	Protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 2	MGC142822
Bt.557.1.S1_at	similar to SPATA20 protein	SLC1A1
Bt.5563.1.S1_at	solute carrier family 1 (neuronal/epithelial high affinity glutamate transporter	PCSK2
Bt.5496.2.S1_at	proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 2	LOC511673
Bt.5445.3.S1_at	similar to methylmalonic aciduria type A	MGC137802
Bt.5432.2.S1_at	similar to tubulin, beta 6	TNIP1
Bt.5420.3.S1_at	TNFAIP3 interacting protein 1	PCP4L1
Bt.5413.2.S1_at	Purkinje cell protein 4 like 1	MGC137522
Bt.5403.1.S1_at	similar to glucocerebrosidase precursor	MGC137522
Bt.5401.1.S1_at	similar to glucocerebrosidase precursor	XDH
Bt.5381.2.S1_x_at	xanthine dehydrogenase	TGM2
Bt.5381.2.S1_x_at	transglutaminase 2 (C polypeptide, protein-glutamine-gamma-glutamyltransferase)	CSN2
Bt.5381.2.S1_x_at	casein beta	BCKDHA
Bt.5287.1.S1_at	branched chain keto acid dehydrogenase E1, alpha polypeptide	BIFC4BP
Bt.5269.1.S1_at	XAP associated factor-1	SHBG
Bt.5200.1.S1_at	sex hormone-binding globulin	CASH
Bt.5121.1.S1_at	calcium-sensing receptor	LOC618226
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Bt.5007.1.S1_at	hypothetical LOC508098 /// hypothetical protein LOC790292	CD8a molecule
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Bt.4994.1.S1_a_at	muty homolog (E. coli)	NDST2
Bt.4950.1.S1_at	N-acetylaspartate sulfoxidase (heparan glucosaminyl) 2	RAC2
Bt.4946.1.S1_at	ras-related C3 botulinum toxin substrate 2 (rho family, small GTP binding protel	TBC1D1
Bt.4932.1.S1_at	TBC1 (tre-2/USP6, BUB2, cdc16) domain family, member 1	CPSF1
Bt.4911.1.S1_at	cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor 1	LOC511267
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Bt.4735.1.S1_at	acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase alpha /// similar to acetyl-CoA-carboxylase	LOC782522 /// LOC782961 /// LOC788268 ///
Bt.4709.1.S1_at	steroidogenic acute regulator /// similar to Steroidogenic acute regulatory prot	STAR
Bt.4648.1.S1_at	Fanconi anemia complementation group C	FANCC
Bt.460.1.S1_s_at	thiosulfate sulfurtransferase (rhodanese) /// similar to Thiosulfate sulfurtrans	TST
Bt.445.1.S1_at	phosphodiesterase 6H, cGMP-specific, cone, gamma	PDE6H
Bt.4390.1.S1_at	TEK tyrosine kinase, endothelial (venous malformations, multiple cutaneous and m	TEK
Bt.4378.2.S1_a_at	endothelin converting enzyme 1	ECE1
Bt.4323.2.S1_at	archaemetzincins-2	AMZ2
Bt.4289.1.S1_at	T cell receptor, alpha /// hypothetical protein LOC785621	TRA@
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Bt.39.1.S1_at	matrix metalloproteinase 13 (collagenase 3)	MMP13
Bt.3885.5.S1_x_at	chloride channel, calcium activated, family member 3	CLCA3
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Bt.3766.1.S1_at	hypothetical LOC50250	MGC166276

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Bt.3695.2.S1.at	LOC512915	Similar to zinc finger and BTB domain containing 17
Bt.3547.1.S1.at	MGF152116	similar to Sacc. protein (RSCR homology 3 and cysteine-rich domain protein)
Bt.352.5.S1.a.at	PTGFR	prostaglandin F receptor (EP)
Bt.3527449		similar to mannosidase, alpha, class 2A, member 2
Bt.3516.1.S1.at	HRB	HIV-1 Rev binding protein
Bt.3414.1.S1.at	CD4-2BPG	CD4-2 binding protein kinase gamma
Bt.3361.1.S1.at		serma domain, immunoglobulin domain (Ig), transmembrane domain (TM) and short cyt
Bt.3339.2.S1.a.at	SEMA4A	transition protein 1 (during histone to protamine replacement)
Bt.333.1.S1.at	TNP1	similar to tublin
Bt.3317.1.S1.at	LOC52202	hypothetical LOC535933
Bt.3308.1.S1.at	MGCI37396	similar to CG9339-PF
Bt.3308.1.S1.at	LOC511523	similar to SLC2A4 regulator
Bt.3305.1.S1.at	RHOG	Rh family, C glycoprotein
Bt.3245.1.S1.at	MBD1	Methyl-CpG binding domain protein 1
Bt.3221.2.S1.at	MBD1	Methyl-CpG binding domain protein 1
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Bt.3199.3.S1.at	RUSC1	RUN and SH3 domain containing 1
Bt.3196.1.S1.at	STRA6	stimulated by retinoic acid gene 6 homolog
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Bt.3015.2.S1.at	MGCI57216	hypothetical protein LOC781477
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Bt.2996.3.S1.at	LOC786176 ///	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 12
Bt.2995.2.S1.a.at	ZFP2	zinc finger protein 2 homolog /// similar to Kruppel-type zinc-finger protein
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Bt.2983.1.S1.at		NACT, leucine rich repeat and PYD containing 5
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Bt.2973.1.S1.at	PDH8	Pyruvate dehydrogenase (liponamide) beta
Bt.2962.1.S1.at	LOC533088	similar to guanine peroxidase 2
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Bt.2931.1.S1.at	MGCI52225	hypothetical LOC533952
Bt.2928.1.S1.at	LOC100125413	hypothetical protein LOC100125413
Bt.2915.1.S1.at	TSPAN12	tetraspanin 12
Bt.2906.1.S1.at	SVOP1	Similar to SET and MYND domain containing 3
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Bt.2873.1.S1.at	ALPI	Alkaline phosphatase, intestinal
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Bt.2835.1.S1.at	CENPI	centromere protein 1
Bt.2832.1.S1.at	BRN1	barren homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.2830.1.S1.at	LOC613626	hypothetical LOC613626
Bt.2825.1.S1.at	LOC508176	hypothetical LOC508176
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Bt.2820.1.S1.at	EP5B1	EP5B-like 3
Bt.2823.1.S1.at	LOC781514	similar to FLJ00044 protein
Bt.2812.1.S1.at	RGS5	regulator of G-protein signalling 5

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Bt.28004.2.A1.a.at	LOC505306	Hypothetical LOC505306
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Bt.27960.1.S1.at	RHBG	5-hydroxytryptamine receptor 2A
Bt.27940.1.A1.at		Rh family, B glycoprotein
Bt.27874.2.S1.at	PI5DR	Phosphatidylinositol 5-phosphate receptor
Bt.27869.1.S1.at	LOC538656	hypothetical LOC538656
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Bt.27773.1.A1.at	LOC540258	similar to RNA binding motif protein 25
Bt.27762.1.A1.at	LOC538331	similar to myosin tail domain-containing protein
Bt.27684.1.S1.at	LOC538513	hypothetical LOC538513
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Bt.27660.1.A1.at	LOC534432	hypothetical LOC534432
Bt.27537.1.A1.at	MAP1D	methionine aminopeptidase 1D
Bt.27458.1.A1.at	NR1H3	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3
Bt.27449.1.A1.at	LOC531405	similar to Sortilin-related VPS10 domain containing receptor 3
Bt.27423.1.S1.at	LOC539203	similar to di/shevelled 3
Bt.27409.2.S1.at	LOC504406	similar to hydrocephalus inducing
Bt.27374.1.S1.at	LOC511212 ///	hypothetical LOC511212 ///
Bt.27356.1.S1.at	MGCI52577	hypothetical protein LOC790064
Bt.27242.2.S1.at	MGCI151790	similar to Chromatin assembly factor 1, subunit A (p150)
Bt.27223.2.S1.a.at	LOC508130	similar to nucleolar RNA-associated protein alpha
Bt.27162.1.A1.at	LOC783524	similar to Malonyl CoA:ACP acyltransferase (mitochondrial)
Bt.27064.1.A1.at	LOC514726	similar to cardiac muscle pyridine receptor
Bt.27012.1.S1.at	LOC510408	similar to methionine-RNA synthetase 2 precursor
Bt.26993.1.S1.at	LOC514446	similar to KIAA1092 protein
Bt.26982.1.S1.at	LOC523815	similar to see GenBank Accession Number U01184 for cDNA
Bt.26979.1.A1.at	MGCI37696	similar to myeloid translocation gene-related protein 2 isoform MTG16a
Bt.26935.3.S1.at	LOC790401 ///	similar to KIAA0517 protein
Bt.26935.3.S1.at	TAF13	TAF13 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 18kDa
Bt.26930.1.S1.at	LOC509443	similar to ATP-binding cassette sub-family G member 4
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Bt.26765.1.S1.at	LOC511191	similar to Golgi complex autoantigen golgin-97
Bt.26753.1.A1.at	LOC533403	Similar to protein inhibitor of activated STAT X isoform beta
Bt.26740.1.S1.at	LOC510032	similar to transcription factor EB
Bt.26727.1.S1.at	DHDD5	dehydrodicholyl diphosphate synthase
Bt.26691.1.S1.a.at	TNFSF13	tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily, member 13
Bt.26651.1.S1.at	LOC534619	similar to beta-1,3-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase bGN-T4
Bt.26643.2.S1.at	LOC511168	similar to NFBF1
Bt.26640.1.S1.at	LOC784717	similar to ZNF239 protein
Bt.26623.1.S1.at	TTL3	tubulin tyrosine ligase-like family, member 3
Bt.26617.1.A1.at	LEP	leptin
Bt.26568.2.S1.a.at	LOC531049	similar to Putative eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit (eIF-3)
Bt.26510.1.S1.at	PLP1	proteolipid protein
Bt.26315.1.A1.at	MGCI37255	Similar to KIAA0026
Bt.26312.1.A1.at	LOC528108	Hypothetical protein MGC137255
Bt.26293.1.A1.at	LOC616292	similar to Scavenger receptor class F member 2 precursor (Scavenger receptor exp
Bt.26272.1.S1.at	LOC507407	Hypothetical LOC616292
Bt.26271.1.A1.at	MGCI43024	similar to Musculin (activated B-cell factor-1)
Bt.26258.1.A1.at	MGCI39179	similar to fucosamine 3 kinase
Bt.26234.1.A1.at	---	similar to mitochondrial translation optimization 1 homolog
Bt.26184.1.S1.at	LOC540500	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_065971.1 chromodomain helicase DNA bin
Bt.26172.1.S1.at	LOC5139845	similar to UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine polypeptide N-acetylglucosaminyl
Bt.26111.1.A1.at	KIAA1549	similar to Rap2 interacting protein
Bt.26093.1.A1.at	ZFP91	hypothetical protein LOC512879
Bt.26037.1.A1.at	LOC540684	zinc finger protein 341
Bt.25945.1.A1.at	LOC534539	similar to transcription elongation regulator 1
Bt.25945.1.A1.at	ATP6V0B	similar to bromodomain and WD repeat domain containing 3 variant BRWD3-A
Bt.25945.1.A1.at	LOC785211	ATPase, H ⁺ transporting, lysosomal 21kDa, V0 subunit b
Bt.25885.1.A1.at	NDUF-A7	Similar to Deltex protein 1 (Deltex-1) (Deltex1) (hDTX1)
Bt.25873.1.S1.at	MELK	hypothetical protein LOC785211
Bt.25793.1.S1.at	LOC527701	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha subcomplex 7, 14.5kDa
Bt.25783.1.A1.at	SP2	maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase
Bt.25770.1.A1.at	APC	Sp2 transcription factor
Bt.25746.1.A1.at	MGCI40754	adenomatosis polyposis coli
Bt.25742.1.A1.at	LOC613929	hypothetical LOC508613
Bt.25697.1.A1.a.at	CCR9	hypothetical LOC613929
		chemokine (C-C motif) receptor 9

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Bl.25671.1.A1.at	LOC926780	similar to ADAMTS-like 2
Bl.25609.1.A1.at	GPR61	G protein-coupled receptor 61
Bl.25606.1.A1.at	LOC615059	similar to huntingtin
Bl.25607.1.A1.at	LOC6139640	similar to Ankyrod beta A4 precursor protein-binding family B member 2 Fe65-lik
Bl.25606.1.A1.at	MGC140383	similar to Skeletal muscle and kidney enriched mostlo phosphatase
Bl.25603.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_982279.1 hypothetical protein LOC403
Bl.25601.1.A1.at	LOC595813	similar to BOWC1.1
Bl.25601.1.A1.at	OA13	organic anion transporter 3
Bl.25416.1.S1.at	LOC582833	similar to NSSH-1L
Bl.25416.1.A1.at	LOC927499	similar to P2X2B receptor
Bl.2537.1.S1.at	CHRNA3	cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 3
Bl.2534.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_082566.1 zinc finger protein 386 (Kruppe
Bl.2534.1.A1.at	LOC6158991	similar to coiled-coil domain containing 132
Bl.25326.1.A1.at	RPH3AL	Rabphilin 3A-like (without C2 domains)
Bl.25305.1.A1.at	LOC790079	hypothetical protein LOC790079
Bl.25289.1.A1.at	MGC128518	Similar to CG14966-PA
Bl.25262.1.A1.at	LOC598660	hypothetical LOC598660
Bl.25214.1.A1.at	SPIN2	spindlin family, member 2
Bl.2510.1.A1.at	MGC166270	similar to SRP40-1
Bl.2509.1.S1.at	MEF2B	myocyte enhancer factor 2B
Bl.25084.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_001012749.1 hypothetical protein LOC2838
Bl.25083.1.A1.at	MGC128237	Similar to ubiquinol-cytochrome c reductase binding protein
Bl.24913.1.S1.at	LOC505068	similar to Translocation associated membrane protein 1-like 1
Bl.24913.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_937072.1 PREDICTED: hypothetical pro
Bl.2490.1.A1.at	AGP	alpha-1 acid glycoprotein
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Bl.24881.1.S1.at	LOC59690	similar to CtBP(p)
Bl.24823.1.A1.at	MGC142764	similar to 2-phosphodiesterase
Bl.24823.1.S1.at	CDH9	Cadherin 3, type 1, P-cadherin (placental)
Bl.24821.2.S1.a.at	MGC137561	similar to acyl-Coenzyme A binding domain containing 4
Bl.24813.2.S1.at	LOC787267 ///	receptor (chemosensory) transporter protein 4 /// similar to Receptor transporte
Bl.24808.1.A1.at	LOC515718	vav 2 protein
Bl.24808.1.A1.at	HUWE1	HECT, UBA and WWE domain containing 1
Bl.24807.1.S1.at	LOC783583	similar to vacuolar protein sorting 13D
Bl.24807.1.S1.at	LOC783583	similar to modulator recognition factor 2 (MRF2)
Bl.24801.1.A1.at	LOC541246	similar to Kinesin-like protein KIF3A (Microtubule plus end-directed kinesin mot
Bl.24800.1.S1.at	LOC595073	similar to RPT11-334J6.1
Bl.24642.1.A1.at	LOC526505 ///	similar to Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 26
Bl.24629.1.S1.at	LOC599859	similar to KIAA0342 protein
Bl.24569.1.A1.at	LOC517240	similar to KIAA1345 protein
Bl.24565.3.A1.a.at	LOC507256	similar to RAH16 protein
Bl.24559.1.A1.at	CD1D	CD1D antigen, d polypeptide
Bl.24554.1.S1.at	LOC507268	hypothetical LOC507268
Bl.24520.1.S1.at	LOC531863	similar to FLJ00174 protein
Bl.24501.1.A1.at	LOC539689	similar to Cartilage paired-class homeoprotein 1
Bl.24478.1.S1.at	LOC540132	Similar to TNE5
Bl.24412.1.S1.at	MGC139150	Hypothetical LOC540648
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Bl.24370.1.A1.at	CXorf45	hypothetical protein LOC515282
Bl.24233.1.S1.at	NSF	N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor
Bl.24219.1.A1.at	LOC405563	similar to ashl1 (absent, small, or homeotic)-like
Bl.24069.1.A1.at	LOC617565	Similar to Oat/Otfr-like protein
Bl.24063.1.A1.at	MGC165775	similar to solute carrier 19A3
Bl.23988.1.S1.at	LOC782635	similar to KIAA1040 protein
Bl.23857.2.S1.at	MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166
Bl.23857.1.A1.at	MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166
Bl.23801.1.A1.at	LOC519409	Similar to origin recognition complex subunit 5 homolog
Bl.23650.1.S1.at	PRKRIP1	PRKR interacting protein 1
Bl.23600.2.A1.at	TMEV93	Transmembrane protein 93
Bl.23585.1.S1.at	LOC539235	similar to caenin kinase 2, beta subunit
Bl.23571.2.A1.at	GNDF	glial cell derived neurotrophic factor
Bl.23571.2.A1.at	LOC534896	similar to centrosome-associated protein 350
Bl.23267.1.S1.at	LYVE-1	lymphatic vessel endothelial hyaluronan receptor 1
Bl.23152.1.S1.at	RETN	resistin
Bl.23108.1.S1.at	HN1 ///	hematological and neurological expressed 1 /// similar to hematological and neur
Bl.23078.1.S1.at	LOC783510	similar to diacylglycerol kinase zeta

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Bl.23030.2.A1.at	LOC518806	Similar to KIAA0840 protein
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Bl.22982.1.A1.at	RTN1	reticulon 1
Bl.22872.1.A1.at	NGFR	nerve growth factor receptor
Bl.22871.1.A1.at	ANK1	ankyrin 1, erythrocytic
Bl.22856.1.S1.at	LOC787355 ///	neurofilament, medium polypeptide /// neurofilament triplet M protein
Bl.22809.2.S1.at	DFEB	DNA fragmentation factor, 40kDa, beta polypeptide (caspase-activated DNase)
Bl.22766.2.S1.at	MGC152480	similar to KIAA0156
Bl.22735.1.S1.at	MGC151530	similar to LAG1 homolog, ceramide synthase 4
Bl.22681.1.S1.at	LASS4	Adenosylmethionine decarboxylase 1
Bl.22574.1.S1.at	AMD1	hypothetical LOC56437
Bl.22499.2.S1.at	MGC133722	Similar to Septin-8
Bl.22469.1.S1.at	MGC140624	similar to LOC285193 protein
Bl.22431.1.S1.at	LOC787244	similar to Sialic acid binding Ig-like lectin 5
Bl.22320.3.S1.at	TARDBP	TAR DNA binding protein
Bl.22320.2.S1.at	TARDBP	TAR DNA binding protein
Bl.223.1.S1.at	AMBN	ameloblastin (enamel matrix protein)
Bl.22280.1.S1.at	ESAM	endothelial cell adhesion molecule
Bl.22275.1.A1.at	LOC508604	similar to HEM45
Bl.2222.2.S1.at	LOC537096	similar to WD repeat and FYVE domain containing 3
Bl.2217.1.S1.at	APBB1	amyloid beta (A4) precursor protein-binding, family B, member 1 (Fe65)
Bl.22150.2.S1.at	LZTF1	leucine zipper transcription factor-like 1
Bl.22106.2.S1.at	MGC139676	similar to Serine/threonine-protein kinase PAK 1 (p21-activated kinase 1) (PAK-1
Bl.22086.2.A1.at	ALDH7A1	aldehyde dehydrogenase 7 family, member A1
Bl.22072.1.A1.at	MBNL2	Muscleblind-like 2
Bl.2203.1.S1.at	ABHD12	abhydrolase domain containing 12
Bl.22008.1.S1.at	LOC927362	similar to FLJ00128 protein
Bl.22001.1.A1.at	MGC143168	hypothetical LOC512635
Bl.21993.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_342030.2 PREDICTED: similar to Expre
Bl.21989.1.A1.at	THRAP4	thyroid hormone receptor associated protein 4
Bl.21884.1.S1.at	ACS	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate synthase
Bl.21837.1.A1.at	LOC539495	hypothetical LOC539495
Bl.21807.1.S1.at	MGC165906	hypothetical LOC512477
Bl.21801.2.A1.at	MGC139330	similar to Carboxylate sulfotransferase 9 (N-acetylglucosamine 4-O-sulfotrans
Bl.21842.1.A1.at	LOC535064	similar to U2 small nuclear RNA auxiliary factor 1-like 2
Bl.21833.2.S1.at	MGC152436	hypothetical LOC516995
Bl.21789.1.S1.at	LOC617344	Similar to SH3 binding protein 3BP2
Bl.21775.2.S1.at	LOC513377	similar to Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1
Bl.21759.1.S1.at	MGC165697	similar to gamma-butyrobetaine 2-oxoglutarate dioxygenase
Bl.21669.1.A1.at	ZNF-274	Zinc finger protein 274
Bl.21630.1.S1.at	DNAJB5	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily B, member 5
Bl.21504.1.A1.at	LOC540351	similar to Zyg-11 homolog B (C. elegans)-like
Bl.21475.3.S1.a.at	LOC786013	similar to Ded protein
Bl.21448.2.S1.at	LOC528038	similar to mFLJ00098 protein
Bl.21430.1.S1.at	MGC166357	similar to Synovial apoptosis inhibitor 1, synoviolin
Bl.21413.2.S1.at	MGC151768	similar to Solute carrier family 44, member 2
Bl.214.1.S1.at	DDEF1	development and differentiation enhancing factor 1
Bl.21336.2.S1.a.at	MAD2L2	MAD2 mitotic arrest deficient-like 2 (yeast)
Bl.21249.1.S1.at	LOC509555	similar to CDNA sequence BC046404
Bl.21247.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_064327.1 poly (A) polymerase beta (t
Bl.21228.1.A1.a.at	PAXIP1	PAX interacting (with transcription-activation domain) protein 1
Bl.21225.1.S1.at	LOC514364	similar to eyes absent 3
Bl.21223.1.S1.at	ATPIA1	ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, alpha 1 polypeptide
Bl.21165.1.A1.at	MGC152214	similar to gamma tubulin ring complex protein (70p gene)
Bl.21099.2.S1.at	MGC143062	similar to Breast cancer metastasis-suppressor 1-like
Bl.21051.1.S1.at	LOC535935	similar to large tumor suppressor 1
Bl.21039.1.A1.at	LOC507449	similar to Dexamethasone-induced Ras-related protein 1
Bl.21037.2.S1.at	MGC157143	similar to Transcription factor 7 (1-cell specific, HMG-box)
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Bl.2096.2.S1.at	LOC595206	similar to pincher
Bl.2092.1.S1.at	LOC508953	similar to Integrin alpha-7 precursor
Bl.20835.1.A1.at	LOC525143	Similar to PI-3-kinase-related kinase SMG-1
Bl.20742.1.A1.at	LOC508405	similar to ankyrin repeat domain protein 17
Bl.20712.1.A1.at	LOC790501	Hypothetical protein LOC790501
Bl.20709.1.A1.at	LOC789017	similar to ras response element binding protein 1
Bl.20687.2.A1.at	LOC510651	hypothetical LOC510651
Bl.20652.1.A1.at	MAP1D	methionine aminopeptidase 1D /// similar to Methionine aminopeptidase 1D
Bl.20600.2.A1.a.at	MINA	MYC induced nuclear antigen

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BL20384.1.S1_at	similar to NAD(P) dependent steroid dehydrogenase-like
BL20384.2.S1_at	similar to Regulator of G-protein signaling 19 (RGS19) (G-alpha interacting prot
BL20393.1.S1_at	zinc finger, A20 domain containing 3
BL20393.2.S1_at	PSMB9
BL20393.3.S1_at	proteasome (prosome, macropain) subunit, beta type, 9 (large multifunctional pep
BL20393.4.S1_at	similar to ligger transposable element derived 2
BL20394.1.S1_at	similar to polyhormonal-like
BL20394.2.S1_at	similar to Kruppel-like factor 13
BL20394.3.S1_at	hypothetical LOC540945
BL20394.4.S1_at	Septin 2
BL20394.5.S1_at	similar to mammalian unc134
BL20394.6.S1_at	WD repeat domain 18
BL20394.7.S1_at	similar to Ser/Thr-rich protein T10 in DGCR region
BL20394.8.S1_at	similar to peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase E
BL20394.9.S1_at	similar to dedicator of cytokinesis 5
BL20394.10.S1_at	similar to CAAX prenyl protein protease RCE1
BL20394.11.S1_at	similar to spindle pole body protein spc88 homolog GCP3
BL20394.12.S1_at	similar to KIAA0082
BL20394.13.S1_at	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, plasma membrane 4
BL20394.14.S1_at	similar to tetraoctapeptide repeat domain 32
BL20394.15.S1_at	similar to arylacetamide deacetylase-like 1
BL20394.16.S1_at	Dual specificity phosphatase 14
BL20394.17.S1_at	DUSP14
BL20394.18.S1_at	unc-13 B-like protein
BL20394.19.S1_at	nucleoside diphosphate linked moiety X-type motif 17
BL20394.20.S1_at	similar to PDZ domain-containing guanine nucleotide exchange factor PDZ-GEF2
BL20394.21.S1_at	excision repair cross-complementing rodent nucleotide deficiency, complementation gr
BL20394.22.S1_at	preproconocaplin
BL20394.23.S1_at	immunoglobulin superfamily, member 1
BL20394.24.S1_at	hypothetical LOC540970
BL20394.25.S1_at	similar to Ubiquitin ligase protein DZIP3 (DAB-interacting protein 3) (RNA-bindin
BL20394.26.S1_at	T cell receptor, beta cluster
BL20394.27.S1_at	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_00125373.1 PREDICTED: hypothetical
BL20394.28.S1_at	LYPD1
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BL20394.30.S1_at	HSPH1
BL20394.31.S1_at	heat shock 105kDa/110kDa protein 1
BL20394.32.S1_at	lipase, hepatic
BL20394.33.S1_at	Similar to pad-1-like
BL20394.34.S1_at	Hypothetical LOC512135
BL20394.35.S1_at	similar to Y38F2AL.2
BL20394.36.S1_at	similar to transducer of regulated CREB protein 3
BL20394.37.S1_at	TCP1L1
BL20394.38.S1_at	L-complex 11 (mouse)-like 1
BL20394.39.S1_at	similar to LOC220416 protein
BL20394.40.S1_at	similar to microtubule-associated protein 1A
BL20394.41.S1_at	Similar to splicing factor 3B, 14 kDa subunit
BL20394.42.S1_at	similar to transferrin receptor
BL20394.43.S1_at	similar to G-protein coupled receptor GPR86
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BL20394.47.S1_at	similar to Nuclear receptor coactivator 6
BL20394.48.S1_at	similar to AHNK nucleoprotein
BL20394.49.S1_at	Doublecortin-like kinase 1
BL20394.50.S1_at	Similar to aldehyde dehydrogenase 1A2
BL20394.51.S1_at	similar to heat shock 70kDa protein 4
BL20394.52.S1_at	Hypothetical protein LOC785805
BL20394.53.S1_at	Similar to TBP-associated factor 1
BL20394.54.S1_at	similar to ubiquitin specific protease 34
BL20394.55.S1_at	similar to Protein Cdc60r165
BL20394.56.S1_at	nuclear receptor binding factor 1
BL20394.57.S1_at	cystine-HRNA synthetase
BL20394.58.S1_at	LIM domain 7
BL20394.59.S1_at	similar to type II phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate 5-kinase 53K
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BL20394.61.S1_at	hypothetical LOC514189
BL20394.62.S1_at	Vesicle transport through interaction with t-SNAREs homolog 1A
BL20394.63.S1_at	alcohol dehydrogenase LOC509744
BL20394.64.S1_at	similar to Zinc finger protein 624
BL20394.65.S1_at	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_342147.2 PREDICTED: similar to minichr
BL20394.66.S1_at	hypothetical protein LOC784517
BL20394.67.S1_at	Similar to alpha/beta hydrolase domain containing protein 3
BL20394.68.S1_at	GK
BL20394.69.S1_at	glycerol kinase
BL20394.70.S1_at	alpha-1-microglobulin/bikunin precursor
BL20394.71.S1_at	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_033801.4 ankyrin repeat and FYVE domai

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BL18293.3.S1_at	similar to KIAA0299
BL18196.1.S1_at	similar to mitochondrial Rho 1
BL18196.2.S1_at	hypothetical LOC534625
BL18199.1.A1_at	hypothetical LOC617808
BL18199.2.A1_at	prickle homolog 1
BL18199.3.A1_at	Fas (TNFRSF6) associated factor 1
BL18199.4.A1_at	hypothetical protein LOC786620
BL18199.5.A1_at	similar to olfactomedin related ER localized protein
BL18199.6.A1_at	similar to mKAA1856 protein
BL18199.7.A1_at	Tetraspanin 31
BL18199.8.A1_at	zinc finger protein 470
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BL18199.14.A1_at	similar to RNA binding protein DEF-3
BL18199.15.A1_at	similar to KIAA0166
BL18199.16.A1_at	C-terminal binding protein 1
BL18199.17.A1_at	similar to myosin IXB
BL18199.18.A1_at	hypothetical LOC613974
BL18199.19.A1_at	similar to GPRIN family member 3
BL18199.20.A1_at	interleukin 17 (cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated serine esterase 8)
BL18199.21.A1_at	similar to Amyloid beta A4 precursor protein-binding family B member 2 (Fe65-lik
BL18199.22.A1_at	similar to Methylinase-like protein 7B
BL18199.23.A1_at	Peptidylglycine alpha-amidating monooxygenase
BL18199.24.A1_at	similar to transcriptional regulatory protein p54
BL18199.25.A1_at	ribulose-5-phosphate-3-epimerase
BL18199.26.A1_at	similar to SLIT and NTRK-like family, member 2
BL18199.27.A1_at	similar to G-C-rich promoter-binding protein
BL18199.28.A1_at	Similar to Tripeptidyl peptidase II
BL18199.29.A1_at	Similar to CRSP3
BL18199.30.A1_at	similar to Agmatine ureohydrolase (agmatinase)
BL18199.31.A1_at	solute carrier family 10 (sodium/bile acid cotransporter family), member 1
BL18199.32.A1_at	gap junction protein, alpha 5
BL18199.33.A1_at	similar to KIAA0753
BL18199.34.A1_at	similar to putative acyltransferase
BL18199.35.A1_at	nucleoside diphosphate linked moiety X-type motif 14
BL18199.36.A1_at	synaptonemal complex protein 3
BL18199.37.A1_at	similar to G protein-coupled receptor 52
BL18199.38.A1_at	similar to Rho GTPase activating protein 17
BL18199.39.A1_at	prolactin-related protein 6 /// prolactin-related protein VI
BL18199.40.A1_at	engulfment and cell motility 1
BL18199.41.A1_at	hypothetical protein LOC788422
BL18199.42.A1_at	leukotriene B4 receptor
BL18199.43.A1_at	similar to serine/threonine kinase
BL18199.44.A1_at	similar to elongation factor Tu GTP binding domain containing 1
BL18199.45.A1_at	similar to p3gous 1
BL18199.46.A1_at	similar to ligger transposable element derived 5
BL18199.47.A1_at	similar to ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme RIG-B
BL18199.48.A1_at	similar to cholesterol 7 alpha-hydroxylase
BL18199.49.A1_at	PRP36 pre-mRNA processing factor 38 (yeast) domain containing A
BL18199.50.A1_at	similar to RPT1-334J6.1
BL18199.51.A1_at	Similar to PHD finger protein 6
BL18199.52.A1_at	Dynactin 2 (p50)
BL18199.53.A1_at	hypothetical LOC615147
BL18199.54.A1_at	hypothetical protein LOC784987
BL18199.55.A1_at	hypothetical protein LOC515147
BL18199.56.A1_at	funarylacetate hydrolase
BL18199.57.A1_at	N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor
BL18199.58.A1_at	similar to pantothenate kinase 1alpha
BL18199.59.A1_at	mannose binding lectin, liver (A)
BL18199.60.A1_at	hypothetical LOC616626
BL18199.61.A1_at	similar to macrophage C-type lectin Mincle
BL18199.62.A1_at	Phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate synthetase-associated protein 1
BL18199.63.A1_at	extracellular superoxide dismutase
BL18199.64.A1_at	hypothetical protein LOC783805

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Bt.161.1.S2.at	DSG1	desmodulin 1
Bt.16077.1.S1.at	MGC140177	similar to receptor activity-modifying protein
Bt.1605.2.S1.at	MGC138923	similar to selenoprotein N, 1 isoform 1 precursor
Bt.1593.1.S1.at	SEZ6L2	seizure related 6 homolog (mouse)-like 2
Bt.15912.1.S1.at	MGC767910	placenta-specific B
Bt.15900.1.S1.at	APOA4	apolipoprotein A-IV
Bt.15973.1.S1.at	MGC157091	similar to Nuclear pore complex protein Nup93 (Nucleoporin Nup93) (93 kDa nucleo
Bt.15866.3.S1.a.at	LOC784219	similar to nucleoporein 214kDa
Bt.15828.2.S1.at	LOC321857	similar to G-protein-coupled receptor induced protein GIG2
Bt.15769.1.S1.at	MGC138996	hypothetical LOC534262
Bt.15733.1.S1.at	LOC510012	similar to SCU1/AL1 interrupting locus
Bt.15732.1.S1.at	MGC157216	similar to HMGC1 fusion partner-like 2
Bt.15531.1.S1.at	LOC742841	similar to tuberin-like protein 1
Bt.15466.1.S1.at	UNC50	unc-50 homolog
Bt.1472.1.S1.at	MGC137188	similar to Collagen alpha 1(X) chain precursor
Bt.14676.1.S1.at	IKBKE	inhibitor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells, kinase epsilon
Bt.1463.1.S1.at	LOC504789	similar to poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase family, member 14
Bt.1463.1.S1.at	LOC504245	similar to Rho GTPase activating protein 17
Bt.146.1.S1.at	BNBD-4	neutrophil beta-defensin 4
Bt.1458.1.S1.at	MGC138036	similar to phosphoglucomutase 5
Bt.1436.1.S1.at	LOC788843	similar to pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 11
Bt.14165.1.S1.at	MGC133533	hypothetical LOC512692
Bt.14136.1.S1.at	ENDOD1	endonuclease domain containing 1
Bt.14000.1.S1.at	LOC788594	Hypothetical protein LOC789594
Bt.13927.2.S1.at	MGC134318	similar to Protein C22orf8
Bt.13894.1.S1.at	LOC627699	Similar to kalirin, RhoGEF kinase
Bt.13886.1.S1.at	LOC534067	Similar to ubiquitin specific protease 34
Bt.13868.1.S1.at	OCLN	occludin
Bt.13834.1.S1.at	LOC504698	similar to transferrin receptor
Bt.13810.1.S1.at	MGC162593	hypothetical LOC617594
Bt.13809.1.S1.at	LOC51191	similar to Gqg complex autoantigen gqglin-97
Bt.13791.1.S1.at	LOC536196	similar to KIAA0476 protein
Bt.13645.2.S1.at	MGC159622	Hypothetical LOC513649
Bt.13565.1.S1.a.at	HF1 ///	H factor 1 (complement) /// similar to H factor 1 (complement)
Bt.13553.2.S1.at	SPCS3	signal peptidase complex subunit 3
Bt.13549.2.S1.at	SRRP130	splicing factor, arginine/serine-rich 130
Bt.13484.1.S1.at	SRRP130	splicing factor, arginine/serine-rich 130
Bt.13478.1.S1.at	PPR1R3C	protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 3C
Bt.13470.3.S1.a.at	MGC155164	similar to LSM10, U7 small nuclear RNA associated
Bt.13428.2.S1.at	LOC787630	hypothetical protein LOC787630
Bt.13427.1.S1.at	FBP2	fructose-1-6-bisphosphatase 2
Bt.13410.1.S1.at	LOC781315	similar to C5orf25 protein
Bt.13410.1.S1.at	MGC160087	similar to ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 3
Bt.13390.1.S1.at	LOC927172	hypothetical LOC527172
Bt.13375.1.S1.at	DECRI1	2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 1, mitochondrial
Bt.13370.3.S1.at	MGC128216	similar to S-adenosylmethionine synthetase alpha and beta forms (Methionine aden
Bt.13294.1.S1.at	LOC527459	similar to rapamycin insensitive companion of mTOR, rictor
Bt.13147.1.S1.at	B4GAL T5	similar to Transmembrane protein 161B
Bt.13142.1.S1.x.at	PRKCD	UDP-Gal-beta-GlcNAc beta 1,4-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 5
Bt.13139.1.S1.at	TRPC3	transient receptor potential cation channel, subfamily C, member 3
Bt.13115.2.S1.at	P2RX7	purinergic receptor P2X, ligand-gated ion channel, 7
Bt.13115.1.S1.at	P2RX7	purinergic receptor P2X, ligand-gated ion channel, 7
Bt.13111.1.S1.at	FGFR4	fibroblast growth factor receptor 4
Bt.13094.1.S1.at	TXNRD3	thioredoxin reductase 3
Bt.13087.1.S1.at	CD6	CD6 molecule
Bt.13084.1.S1.at	MEI1	met proto-oncogene (hepatocyte growth factor receptor)
Bt.12852.2.S1.at	DNASE1	deoxyribonuclease 1
Bt.12943.1.S1.at	LGTN	legumain
Bt.12896.1.S1.at	CATHL5	cathelidin 5
Bt.12894.1.S1.at	MGC159470	similar to transcript expressed during hematopoiesis 2
Bt.12871.1.S1.at	LOC788113	hypothetical protein LOC788113
Bt.12867.3.S1.at	LOC786496	similar to zinc finger protein 318
Bt.1284.1.S1.at	PPARA	FAD1 flavin adenine dinucleotide synthetase homolog (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.12803.1.S1.at	SLC2A8	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha
Bt.12773.1.S1.at	LOC517354	solute carrier family 2, (facilitated glucose transporter) member 8
Bt.12754.1.S1.at	LOC510329	similar to fractalkine
Bt.12710.2.S1.at	LOC539069 ///	hypothetical LOC510329
Bt.12569.1.S1.at	LOC789470	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 1
Bt.12431.1.S1.at	LOC504649	similar to copper amine oxidase similar to Sorting nexin-19

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Bt.12421.S1.at	ATPEG1	ATP synthase, H+ transporting, mitochondrial F0 complex, subunit C1 (subunit 9)
Bt.12393.1.S1.at	LOC786485	similar to limbin
Bt.12217.1.S1.at	NTRK2	Neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 2
Bt.12063.1.S1.at	LOC514637	similar to protocadherin 7
Bt.12010.1.S1.at	LOC512171	similar to ADAMTS1
Bt.1194.1.S1.at	LOC518086	similar to CANT1 protein
Bt.11865.1.S1.a.at	MGC150696	hypothetical LOC534262
Bt.11863.1.S1.at	LOC785458	hypothetical protein LOC785458
Bt.1164.1.S1.at	APEX2	AP-EX nuclease (apurinic/apyrimidinic endonuclease) 2
Bt.1160.2.S1.at	LOC528373	similar to monocytic leukaemia zinc finger protein
Bt.11591.1.S1.at	MGC148776	similar to monocytic leukaemia zinc finger protein
Bt.11797.3.S1.at	---	Hypothetical LOC535746
Bt.11763.2.S1.at	LOC528972	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_213362.3 PREDICTED: similar to Camta2
Bt.11761.1.S1.at	MGC157179	similar to retinoic acid induced 1
Bt.11751.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_230006.3 PREDICTED: similar to Hypothse
Bt.11656.1.S1.at	CGND1	citgulin
Bt.11651.1.S1.at	SCAN1	SCAN domain containing 1
Bt.11580.1.S1.at	LOC539650	similar to IGF-II mRNA-binding protein 3
Bt.11532.1.S1.at	CRYGB	crystallin, gamma B
Bt.11525.3.S1.at	LOC614417 ///	similar to RNA-binding protein with multiple splicing (RBP-MS) /// similar to RB
Bt.11417.1.S1.at	LOC616483 ///	similar to translation initiation factor eIF4A I
Bt.11362.1.S1.at	LOC787261	similar to 43 kD receptor-associated protein of the synapse
Bt.11363.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_343493.2 PREDICTED: similar to Arpp2
Bt.11277.2.S1.at	LOC789590	similar to ZKD family zinc finger C
Bt.11277.1.S1.at	LOC524085	similar to Solute carrier family 41, member 3
Bt.11195.1.S1.at	PLUNC	palate, lung and nasal epithelium carcinoma associated
Bt.11182.2.S1.at	GCFC	GC-rich sequence DNA-binding factor homolog
Bt.11126.2.S1.at	MGC137397	Similar to Phosphatidylcholine-sterol acyltransferase precursor (Lecithin-choles
Bt.11124.1.S1.at	VPS25	vacuolar protein sorting, 25 homolog (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.11001.1.S1.at	LOC509260	Similar to nuclear DEAF-1 related transcriptional regulator
Bt.11017.1.S1.at	LOC540504	similar to Neaprin-2 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 2) (Syn-2) (Syna
Bt.11010.1.S1.at	ATP8I022	ATPase, H+ transporting, lysosomal 38kDa, V0 subunit 02
Bt.10953.2.S1.at	MGC128409	Similar to TSC22 domain family protein 1 (Transforming growth factor beta 1 indu
Bt.10876.2.S1.a.at	HPS1	Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome 1
Bt.10804.1.S1.at	LYN	FYN oncogene related to SRC, FGR, YES
Bt.1054.1.S1.at	LOC525521	similar to KIAA0521 protein
Bt.10524.3.S1.at	ZNF821	zinc finger protein 821
Bt.10374.3.S1.at	LOC525095	Vacuolar protein sorting 33 homolog B (yeast)
Bt.10261.1.S1.at	LOC524813	similar to Phosphatidylinositol glycan anchor biosynthesis, class N
Bt.10180.1.S1.at	LOC524813	similar to forthead box F1
Bt.10140.1.S1.at	LOC510456	hypothetical LOC510456
Bt.10124.1.S1.at	LOC513129	hypothetical LOC513129
Bt.10087.1.S1.at	LOC509257	similar to KIAA0672 gene product
Bt.10077.1.S3.at	LOC789216	similar to interferon regulatory factor 1
Bt.10046.2.S1.a.at	KLHDC2	kelch domain containing 2
Bt.10033.1.S1.at	LOC541118	similar to GW182 autoantigen
Bt.1001.1.S1.at	ADRB2	adrenergic, beta-2-, receptor, surface

Complete list of genes that were down-regulated (>3-fold) at week 6 with dynamic compressive loading compared to CM+ free-swelling control.

Probe Set ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
Bt_19072.1.S1_at	GNPMB	glycoprotein (transmembrane) nmb
Bt_19075.1.S1_at	LOC787253	similar to Extracellular proteinase inhibitor
Bt_19351.2.S1_at	MGC139960	similar to EVI1
Bt_19062.1.S1_at	LGAL S4	lectin, galactoside-binding, soluble, 4 (galactin 4)
Bt_19421.2.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001002374.1 hypothetical protein LOC43
Bt_19281.2.S1_at	LOC521189	similar to NRAMF2
Bt_19210.1.S1_at	PRND	piron protein 2 (doublet)
Bt_19292.1.S1_at	LOC527597	similar to transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily M member 6
Bt_19373.1.S1_at	SLC11A1	solute carrier family 11 (proton-coupled divalent metal ion transporters), membre
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	RGN	regucalcin (sensation marker protein-30)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	ADAM10	ADAM metalloproteinase domain 10
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	BUCS1	butyryl Coenzyme A synthetase 1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	calbindin 3, (vitamin D-dependent calcium binding protein)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	SLC1A3	solute carrier family 1 (glial high affinity glutamate transporter), member 3
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PTGFR	prostaglandin F receptor (FP)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	similar to FLJ20273 protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MTIF	microphthalmia-associated transcription factor
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	GHR	growth hormone receptor
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	similar to FLJ20273 protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	similar to ras homolog gene family, member U
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	DAF	decay-accelerating factor 1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC523223	similar to macrophage actin-associated-tyrosine-phosphorylated protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_0550653.1 kinase suppressor of ras [Hom
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MTP	microsomal triglyceride transfer protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC540831	hypothetical LOC538782
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC533323	similar to dytic nucleotide phosphodiesterase
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC538783	similar to tissue factor pathway inhibitor precursor (TFPI) (Lipoprotein-associ
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	ITIH5	inter-alpha (globulin) inhibitor H5
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC532787	similar to CG3625-Ph
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC532427	hypothetical LOC533427
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MPEG1	macrophage expressed gene 1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	TUSC5	tumor suppressor candidate 5
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC783547	similar to mannose receptor C1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PRG4	proteoglycan 4
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PGDH	hydroxyprostaglandin dehydrogenase 15 (NAD)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC535378	similar to PAR3 beta
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MGC166819	similar to ependymin related protein 1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MGC140693	similar to transmembrane protein 22
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	F2R	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC505317	similar to ankyrin-like protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC616344	hypothetical LOC616344
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC508459	similar to EMR1
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC504217 ///	hypothetical LOC504217 /// hypothetical protein LOC788273
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC788273	hypothetical protein LOC782788
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PLD1	phospholipase D1, phosphatidylcholine-specific
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC518403	hypothetical LOC518403
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC509601	proteoglycan 1 precursor-like
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	EPHX2 ///	epoxide hydrolase 2, cytoplasmic /// hypothetical protein LOC785508
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC785508	hypothetical LOC614402
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC614402	hypothetical LOC614402
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	VSIG4	V-set and immunoglobulin domain containing 4
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC157129	similar to KIAA0956 protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	CPE	carboxypeptidase E
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	ARHGAP18	Rho GTPase activating protein 18
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PLD1	phospholipase D1, phosphatidylcholine-specific
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MGC137125	similar to Complement factor B precursor (C3/C5 convertase)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	MGC166250	similar to pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	GPM6B	Glycoprotein M6B
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	PCK1	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase 1 (soluble)
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC505573	similar to Cartilage intermediate layer protein, nucleotide pyrophosphatase
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	CD82 ///	CD82 molecule /// similar to CD82 molecule
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC783413	polymine N-acetyltransferase
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	SSAT2	similar to KIAA1195 protein
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC613597	similar to A1P-binding cassette, sub-family C, member 9 isoform SUR2B
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	LOC522913	similar to A1P-binding cassette, sub-family C, member 9 isoform SUR2B
Bt_19021.1.S1_at	RCSD1	RCSD domain containing 1

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Bt_18141.1.S1_at	UGT8	UDP glucosyltransferase 8 (UDP-glucose ceramide galactosyltransferase)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC789183	similar to Mib
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	CSH1 /// PRCH	chorionic somatomammotropin hormone 1 (placental lactogen) /// prolactin-related
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC539379	similar to STARS
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC613361	hypothetical LOC613361
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC781271	similar to Gag-Pro-Pol-Env protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	ANKK	neurokinin kinase (neurokinin aciduria)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	PRKXY ///	ribosomal protein S4, X-linked /// ribosomal protein S4, Y-linked 1
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC514045	hypothetical LOC514045
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC526288	Similar to FLJ00102 protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	HNF-3a	hepatocyte nuclear factor 3 alpha
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC613389	T-cell receptor beta chain V region
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC514624	Similar to Stand 10 protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC520327	Similar to Kynureninase (L-Kynurenine hydrolase)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	FABP6	fatty acid binding protein 6, ileal
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	NGDN	neuroguidin, EGF-AE binding protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	CYP26	cytochrome P450 retinoic acid hydroxylase
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC527202	similar to Chain A, High Resolution Solution Structure Of Human Intestinal Trefo
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC506751	similar to Laminin alpha-5 chain
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC152634	Similar to Hexokinase 3 (white cell)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC510923	Similar to estrogen responsive finger protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC139710	similar to CG18177-PB
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LRP16	LRP16 protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	PRKG1	protein kinase, cGMP-dependent, type I
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	CXCR4	chemokine (C-X-C motif) receptor 4
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	TMEM15	Transmembrane protein 15
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_001008802.1 type II keratin Kbt [Rat
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC514115	similar to Wdr33 protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC511744	similar to L-eryl-RNA(Ser/Sec) kinase (Phosphoryl-RNA(Ser/Sec) kinase)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC137169	hypothetical LOC511765
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC507482	similar to fragile X mental retardation 1
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	IFB6	interferon, alpha-inducible protein 6
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	DNAJC5	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily C, member 5
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	PKD2	pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase, isozyme 2
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_776612.1 secreted phosphoprotein 1 [Bo
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC518364	similar to OHCU decarboxylase
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	TRIB3	tribbles homolog 3 (Drosophila)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC531018	similar to putative membrane steroid receptor
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC541155	similar to myotubularin-related protein 1
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	SMAP1L	stromal membrane-associated protein 1-like
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	RFWO2	ring finger and WD repeat domain 2
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC513110	amino acid transporter
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC781512	similar to ARAAP2
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	HADHA	hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase/3-ketacyl-Coenzyme A thiolase/enoyl-Coenzyme
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC139542	Similar to spermatid perinuclear RNA-binding protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	HGB	Hemoglobin, gamma
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LPXN	leupaxin
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC165904	similar to caspase recruitment domain family, member 11
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	B4GALT5	UDP-Gal:betaGalNAc beta 1,4- galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 5
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	SMND5C1	survival motor neuron domain containing 1
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	ANXA3	annexin A3
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC516199	similar to nuclear LIM interactor-interacting factor
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC789485	similar to Notch3
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC504773	regukine-1 protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC613977	similar to TPA-induced transmembrane protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC506267	hypothetical LOC506267
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC505518	Similar to pacenta expressed transcript protein
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC506809	similar to transcription factor GAT-A2
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	MGC142307	similar to topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	GPB8	growth differentiation factor 8
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC532237	similar to pleckstrin and Sec7 domain containing 4
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC514160	similar to ubiquitin ligase
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	TNNC1	troponin C type 1 (slow)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	SPNS1	spinster homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	NME4	non-metastatic cells 4, protein expressed in
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	FECH	similar to uferferin
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	LOC517002	ferrochelatase
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	EFNA2	ephrin-A2
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	B4GALT1	UDP-Gal:betaGalNAc beta 1,4- galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 1
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	EMCN	endomucin
Bt_18141.1.S1_at	IGF2R	insulin-like growth factor 2 receptor

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Bt.4856.1.S1.at	IL1B	Interleukin 1, beta
Bt.4811.3.A1.at		Similar to Rac3
Bt.4811.1.S1.at	MGC166020	Similar to Rac3
Bt.4774.1.S2.at	GNA11	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha transducing activity polyp
Bt.4772.2.S1.a.at	MGC154983	Similar to elavlin-1 ubiquitin-like interacting protein
Bt.4681.1.S1.at	CYR1	cyclic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator
Bt.4675.1.S1.a.at	MYX1	myxovirus (influenza virus) resistance 1, interferon-inducible protein p78 (mouse)
Bt.4651.1.S2.at	PEGAM1	platelet endothelial cell adhesion molecule
Bt.4621.1.S1.at	PRKAR2B	protein kinase, cAMP-dependent, regulatory, type II, beta
Bt.4547.1.S1.at	NT173	homolog of rat orphan transporter vt-3
Bt.4529.1.S1.at	FNTB	farnesyltransferase, CAAX box, beta
Bt.4477.2.S1.at	C2orf24	chromosome 2 open reading frame 24
Bt.4430.1.S1.at	MGC140564	similar to Type-1 angiotensin II receptor-associated protein (AT1) receptor-asso
Bt.4430.1.S1.at	AT16V0A1 ///	ATPase, H ⁺ -transporting, lysosomal V0 subunit a1 /// similar to vacuolar H ⁺ -ATPase
Bt.4398.1.S1.at	LOC785923	spleen tyrosin inhibitor
Bt.4360.1.S1.at	LOC404103	cytochrome b-561
Bt.4361.1.S1.at	CYB561	D component of complement (adipin)
Bt.4336.1.S1.at	DUF12	dual specificity phosphatase 12
Bt.4153.1.S1.at	PDE6A	phosphodiesterase 6A, GMP-specific, rod, alpha
Bt.4147.1.S1.at	LOC510024	similar to A-kinase anchor protein 13
Bt.4109.1.S1.at	LOC784768	similar to calcium-activated chloride channel
Bt.3885.2.S1.at	MGC138063	hypothetical LOC533158
Bt.3763.1.S1.at	NPR3	natriuretic peptide receptor C
Bt.376.1.S2.at		Similar to KIAA0614, protein
Bt.3753.2.S1.at	AMELX ///	
Bt.373.2.S1.a.at	AMELY	amelogenin (amelogenesis imperfecta 1, X-linked) /// amelogenin, Y-linked
Bt.3717.1.A1.at	ZFAND5	Zinc finger, AN1-type domain 5
Bt.3460.1.A1.at	SH3BGR	SH3 domain binding glutamic acid-rich protein like
Bt.3451.1.A1.at	LOC787340	hypothetical protein LOC787340
Bt.3402.1.S1.at	MGC165864	similar to Katanin p80 (WD repeat containing) subunit B 1
Bt.3362.1.S1.at	LOC922866	similar to periplakin
Bt.3273.2.S1.at	MGC139254	hypothetical LOC510183
Bt.3258.2.S1.at	ZNF435	zinc finger protein, cys
Bt.3253.3.S1.at	LOC617871	hypothetical LOC517871
Bt.3236.1.S1.at	FLJ36874	hypothetical protein LOC537463
Bt.3236.2.S1.at	LOC78247	similar to RhoGEF protein
Bt.3062.1.S1.at	LOC509972	Similar to Cbl/Crb-like protein
Bt.2993.1.S1.at	FGD1	F-YVE, RhoGEF, and PH domain containing 1
Bt.2978.1.A1.at	GRA	alpha-glucocorticoid receptor
Bt.2952.1.S1.s.at	BOLA	MHC class I heavy chain
Bt.2906.1.S1.at	LOC407113 ///	
Bt.2906.1.S1.at	LOC407991	growth hormone receptor
Bt.2975.1.A1.at	IGHG1	immunoglobulin heavy constant gamma 1
Bt.2976.1.S1.x.at	---	Glutathione-S-transferase (GST) specific immunoglobulin light chain variable reg
Bt.2978.1.A1.at	bTrappin-5	trappin 5
Bt.2970.1.A1.s.at	LOC507050	Similar to T-cell receptor beta chain variable segment
Bt.2975.1.A1.x.at	LOC783911	Immunoglobulin heavy chain mRNA, variable region, partial cds, 5' end
Bt.2974.1.A1.at	---	Immunoglobulin variable region
Bt.29735.1.S1.at	---	Immunoglobulin variable region
Bt.29718.2.A1.at	GHR	growth hormone receptor
Bt.29717.2.A1.a.at	GHR	growth hormone receptor
Bt.29695.1.A1.s.at	TRGV3-2	T cell receptor gamma variable 3-2
Bt.29686.1.S1.at	FGFR2	fibroblast growth factor receptor 2
Bt.29666.1.A1.at	MGC138924	similar to G protein-coupled receptor 128
Bt.29328.1.S1.at	ASPH	aspartate beta-hydroxylase
Bt.29300.1.S1.at	LOC925143	similar to PI-3-kinase-related kinase SMG-1
Bt.29277.1.S1.at	LRR51	leucine rich repeat containing 51
Bt.29162.2.A1.at	TSPAN12	tetraspanin 12
Bt.29143.1.S1.at	MGC139389	similar to B-cell CLL/lymphoma 11A
Bt.29025.1.A1.at	LOC523809	similar to KIAA1955 protein
Bt.28871.1.A1.at	MGC152192	Similar to GINS complex subunit 1 (Psf1 homolog)
Bt.28792.1.S1.at	---	CDNA clone IMAGE:5310187
Bt.28760.2.A1.at	LOC505234	Similar to FYVE, RhoGEF, and PH domain-containing protein 4 (Actin filament-bind
Bt.28744.1.S1.at	MGC157238	similar to FYVE, RhoGEF, and PH domain-containing protein 4 (Actin filament-bind
Bt.28667.2.S1.at	MGC159992	similar to hFLJ00316 protein
Bt.28625.1.S1.at	LOC538219	similar to ARHGAP26 protein
Bt.28605.1.S1.at	MGC148293	similar to ARHGAP26 protein
Bt.28604.2.S1.a.at	MGC137499	similar to phospholipase inhibitor
Bt.28494.7.A1.x.at	LOC524810	hypothetical LOC511775
Bt.28459.1.S1.at	BMP4	bone morphogenetic protein 4
Bt.28446.1.S1.at	BVD1.25 ///	
Bt.28446.1.S1.at	LOC613744 ///	T cell receptor delta chain variable region /// hypothetical LOC613744 /// hypot

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Bt.28438.2.S1.at	RGS13	regulator of G-protein signaling 13
Bt.28338.1.S1.at	MGC166160	hypothetical LOC514617
Bt.28313.1.S1.at	LOC512905	similar to CDNA, sequence BC085284
Bt.28292.2.S1.a.at	LOC525379	similar to syntaxin 10
Bt.28226.2.S1.a.at	SAMSN1	SAM domain, SH3 domain and nuclear localization signals 1
Bt.28191.2.S1.at	LOC511230	similar to DENN/MADD domain containing 1C
Bt.28172.2.A1.s.at	VSIG1	V-set and immunoglobulin domain containing 1
Bt.28022.1.A1.s.at	BOLA-NC1	Non-classical MHC class I antigen
Bt.27983.1.S1.at	BMP1RB	bone morphogenetic protein receptor IB
Bt.27979.1.A1.at	ccl4	CD4 antigen
Bt.27976.1.S1.at	ITGAM	integrin, alpha M (complement component 3 receptor 3 subunit)
Bt.27974.1.A1.at	LOC407094	TIMP metalloproteinase inhibitor 1
Bt.27966.1.A1.at	LOC585891	similar to myo-inositol oxygenase
Bt.27852.2.S1.at	PGPEP1	pyroglutamy-peptidase I
Bt.27839.2.S1.a.at	LOC513374 ///	similar to PHLDB3 protein /// similar to Pleckstrin homology-like domain family
Bt.27826.1.S1.at	MGC152326	RasGEF domain family, member 1B
Bt.27790.1.A1.at	MGC148413	Similar to dynactin 1 p150
Bt.27757.1.S1.at	LOC513513	similar to chitinase
Bt.27720.1.A1.at	Oasl	2'-5' oligoadenylate synthetase-like protein
Bt.27621.1.A1.at	MGC155048	similar to autoantigen
Bt.27616.1.A1.at	LOC541035	similar to zinc-finger protein of the cerebellum 3
Bt.27538.1.A1.at	MGC160064	similar to Potassium inwardly-rectifying channel, subfamily J, member 15
Bt.27517.1.A1.at	LOC509789	hypothetical LOC509789
Bt.27460.1.A1.at	LOC515764	similar to Pancreatic triacylglycerol lipase precursor (Pancreatic lipase) (PL)
Bt.27442.1.S1.at	LOC538665	similar to MAGEL2 protein
Bt.27419.1.S1.at	LOC532620	similar to AAS9217
Bt.27400.1.S1.at	SOX2	SPRY (sex determining region Y) box 2
Bt.27371.1.S1.at	PCDH413	protocadherin alpha 13
Bt.27339.2.S1.at	LOC536744	similar to Carbonic anhydrase II (Carbonate dehydratase III) (CA-II)
Bt.27336.1.S1.at	MGC159028	similar to NINE protein
Bt.27320.2.S1.at	LOC532412	hypothetical LOC508965
Bt.27313.1.A1.at	CSPG5	similar to Shugoshin-like 2 (S. pombe)
Bt.27311.1.A1.at	GPR173	chondroitin sulfate proteoglycan 5 (neuroglycan C)
Bt.27208.2.S1.at	AGPAT3	G protein-coupled receptor 17/3
Bt.27163.1.A1.at	LOC784144	1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase 3
Bt.26990.2.S1.at	LOC517833 ///	hypothetical protein LOC784144
Bt.26968.1.S1.at	LOC788103	similar to TWEAK
Bt.26929.1.S1.at	TUBGCP5	similar to VESPR
Bt.26874.1.S1.at	DKFZP761E198	tubulin, gamma complex associated protein 5
Bt.26851.1.S1.at	DRAM	hypothetical protein LOC509087
Bt.26800.1.S1.at	MGC148790	damage-regulated autophagy modulator
Bt.26613.1.A1.at	LOC615530	similar to CDC-like kinase 1
Bt.26570.1.S1.at	LOC513885	hypothetical LOC615530
Bt.26545.1.A1.at	LOC536269	similar to Fancconi anemia, complementation group A
Bt.26428.1.A1.at	MGC137752	similar to Chromosome 12 open reading frame 26
Bt.26408.1.A1.at	LOC781881	similar to methyltetrahydrofolate dehydrogenase (NADP+ dependent) 2-like
Bt.26254.1.A1.at	LOC781881	similar to Y55F-3AM19
Bt.26235.1.A1.at	ELMO1	hypothetical protein LOC781881
Bt.26192.1.A1.at	NPL	similar to chapsyn-110
Bt.26077.1.A1.at	LOC534164	Enquifment and cell motility 1
Bt.26046.1.A1.at	LOC507731	similar to SLIT2
Bt.25981.1.S1.at	ALOX15	N-acetylneuraminate pyruvate lyase (dihydrodipicolinate synthase)
Bt.25860.1.A1.a.at	MST11	neuritin 3
Bt.25874.2.S1.at	MST11	archidonate 15-lipoxygenase
Bt.25846.1.A1.at	MST11	similar to KIAA1921 protein
Bt.25769.1.A1.at	LOC525946	macrophage stimulating 1 (hepatocyte growth factor-like)
Bt.25767.1.S1.at	LOC785219	similar to Ephrin type-A receptor 1 precursor 1 (tyrosine-protein kinase receptor
Bt.25743.1.A1.at	UOX	Similar to Mono (ADP-ribosyl)transferase
Bt.25690.1.S1.at	MGC45404	similar to putative G protein-coupled receptor
Bt.25668.1.S1.at	MGC128628	urate oxidase
Bt.25662.1.A1.at	MTG1	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 7 interacting protein 3
Bt.256.1.S1.at	PAG4	similar to F37C4.6
Bt.25587.1.A1.at	MGC157389	mitochondrial GTPase 1 homolog (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.25576.1.A1.at	LOC615880	pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 4
Bt.25576.1.A1.at	LOC615880	similar to SERPINZ protein
Bt.25576.1.A1.at	LOC615880	similar to KIAA1910 protein

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Bt.25422.1.A1.at	APIG2	Adaptor-related protein complex 1, gamma 2 subunit
Bt.25404.2.S1.at	LOC531254	similar to alpha 1 type XXIV collagen
Bt.25393.1.A1.at	GABRA1	gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) A receptor, alpha 1
Bt.25374.1.A1.at	LOC789280	hypothetical protein LOC789280
Bt.25320.1.S1.at	SCRN3	scerpin 3
Bt.25301.1.S1.at	LOC598870	similar to neuron navigator 3
Bt.25030.1.A1.a.at	MGC152009	similar to transmembrane 9 superfamily member 2
Bt.25008.1.A1.at	LOC534053	Similar to laminin B2
Bt.24997.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_966409.1 PREDICTED: similar to CG4502-
Bt.24884.1.A1.a.at	LOC511647	similar to GMS3FR receptor
Bt.24849.1.A1.at	FLAD1	FAD1 flavin adenine dinucleotide synthetase homolog (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.24813.1.S1.at	CD38	CD38 molecule
Bt.24783.2.S1.at	LOC594869	similar to FRAP-related protein
Bt.24698.1.A1.at	MGC131758	Similar to KIAA1237 protein
Bt.24684.1.A1.at	MGC137508	similar to CG10053-PA
Bt.24631.1.A1.at	MGC157094	similar to NG7
Bt.24512.1.A1.at	LOC538746	similar to Membrane-associated transporter protein (Solute carrier family 45 mem
Bt.24467.1.S1.at	MGC128573	similar to radical S-adenosyl methionine domain containing 2
Bt.24318.1.A1.at	SLC22A9	solute carrier family 22 (organic anion/cation transporter), member 9
Bt.24288.2.S1.at	LOC513059	similar to ATP/GTP-binding protein
Bt.24225.1.S1.at	---	Clone NG01006B11A03 mRNA, complete sequence
Bt.24133.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_777000.1 phosphoinositide-3-kinase, re
Bt.24098.1.A1.at	LOC535490	similar to melanoma differentiation associated protein-5
Bt.23912.1.A1.a.at	CYP2E1	cytochrome P450 subfamily IIE polypeptide 1
Bt.23875.1.A1.at	LOC520530	similar to HIC protein isoform p32
Bt.23729.1.A1.at	PLAC8	placenta-specific 8
Bt.23559.1.S1.at	TPK1	thiamin pyrophosphokinase 1
Bt.23502.2.S1.at	TUSC5	tumor suppressor candidate 5
Bt.23462.2.S1.a.at	DOM3Z	DOM-3 homolog Z
Bt.23411.S1.at	IL18	Interleukin 18 (interferon-gamma-inducing factor)
Bt.23355.1.S1.at	LOC615191	similar to protein tyrosine phosphatase-like protein PTPLA
Bt.23331.S1.at	LOC618693	similar to JNK MAP kinase scaffold-like protein JIP2
Bt.23056.3.S1.at	DLG5	discs, large homolog 5 (Drosophila)
Bt.22978.1.S1.at	ITIM1	interferon induced transmembrane protein 1 (9-27)
Bt.22832.1.S1.at	LOC513961	hypothetical LOC513951
Bt.22773.2.S1.at	SLC25A19	solute carrier family 25 (mitochondrial thiamine pyrophosphate carrier), member
Bt.22770.1.S1.at	LOC511229	similar to CARD8 protein
Bt.22768.1.A1.at	LOC781782	similar to polydorn
Bt.22726.2.S1.at	SOC54	suppressor of cytokine signaling 4
Bt.22726.3.S1.a.at	MGC157244	similar to Carbonic anhydrase-related protein (CARP) (CA-VIII)
Bt.22715.1.A1.at	ROPN1L	roporin 1-like
Bt.22731.A1_x.at	GSTA1	glutathione S-transferase A1
Bt.22692.1.A1.at	IL6R	interleukin 6 receptor
Bt.22647.3.A1.at	LOC532952	similar to membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3 (MAGI-3)
Bt.22629.1.A1.at	LOC515053	hypothetical LOC515053
Bt.22430.1.A1.at	CYBB	cytochrome b-245, beta polypeptide
Bt.22410.2.S1.at	ARF3	ADP-ribosylation factor 3
Bt.22285.2.S1.at	LSS	lanosterol synthase (2,3-oxidosqualene-lanosterol cyclase)
Bt.22279.1.S1.at	LOC614739	hypothetical LOC614739
Bt.22264.1.S1.at	MGC140699	similar to p53-induced protein
Bt.22234.1.A1.at	LOC605901	similar to protein kinase C-theta
Bt.22119.1.S1.at	E2F1	E2F transcription factor 1
Bt.22069.1.A1.at	MGC151596	Similar to hcd domain and RLD 5
Bt.22062.1.S1.a.at	MGC127615	similar to abhydrolase domain containing 1 (predicted)
Bt.21943.1.S1.at	LOC524660	similar to UDP-Gal glucosylceramide beta-1,4-galactosyltransferase
Bt.21924.2.S1.at	LOC535975	similar to dermatan/chondroitin sulfate 2-sulfotransferase
Bt.21914.1.S1.at	LOC785293	similar to actin-binding protein
Bt.21845.1.S1.at	LOC614141	hypothetical LOC614141
Bt.21791.1.S1.at	MILF1	Myeloid leukemia factor 1
Bt.21766.1.A1.at	LOC510736	similar to HEPH
Bt.21705.2.A1.a.at	MGC152081	similar to carboxypeptidase A5
Bt.21672.1.S1.at	CSNK1E	casein kinase 1, epsilon
Bt.21662.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to XP_993763.1 PREDICTED: hypothetical pro
Bt.21658.1.S1.at	ATP6VE2	ATPase, H+ transporting V0 subunit e2
Bt.21467.1.S1.at	MGC139070	similar to inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase C
Bt.21420.1.A1.at	LOC595228	similar to Conserved oligomeric Gogli complex component 4
Bt.21366.1.A1.at	MGC166108	Similar to thyroid hormone receptor associated protein 3
Bt.21300.1.S1.at	LOC514036	similar to GDNF family receptor alpha 2 preproprotein
Bt.21300.1.S1.at	LOC513253	hypothetical LOC513253
Bt.21177.1.A1_s.at	LOC511229	similar to CARD8 protein

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Bt.20920.2.S1.a.at	LYZ1 // LYZ2 //	lyszyme C-2 // lyszyme 3 // lyszyme (renal amyloidosis)
Bt.20860.3.A1.at	LYZ3	similar to calyphosine-like
Bt.20850.2.A1.at	LOC520186	similar to centronome protein 110kDa
Bt.20836.1.S1.at	LOC783547	similar to mannose receptor C1
Bt.20833.3.A1.at	MGC140213	hypothetical LOC534327
Bt.20833.1.S1.at	LOC5140213	hypothetical LOC534327
Bt.20817.2.S1.at	POLA1	polymyrase (DNA directed), alpha
Bt.20799.3.A1.at	DOCK1	dedicator of cytokinesis 1
Bt.20733.1.S1.at	LOC532836	similar to Adenosylhomocysteinease 3
Bt.20613.3.S1.at	BCAR3	breast cancer anti-estrogen resistance 3
Bt.20521.2.S1.at	LOC510610	similar to leukocyte differentiation antigen CD84
Bt.20520.1.S1.at	LOC596858	similar to Solute carrier family 25 (mitochondrial carrier, dicarboxylate transp
Bt.20416.1.S1.at	LOC524959	similar to transporter 1 ATP-binding cassette sub-family B
Bt.20381.1.A1.at	F2R	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor
Bt.20318.2.S1.at	NOO2	NAD(P)H dehydrogenase, quinone 2
Bt.20219.3.S1.at	LOC504724	similar to phosphatidylinositol glycan class T
Bt.20131.1.S1.at	MGC151555	similar to fatty acid desaturase domain family, member 6
Bt.20015.1.S1.at	CART	cocaine and amphetamine responsive transcript
Bt.20005.1.S1.at	LOC513482	putative oxidoreductase
Bt.20003.1.A1.at	TAT	tyrosine aminotransferase
Bt.19972.1.S1.at	PEPT1	proton-dependent gastrointestinal peptide transporter 1
Bt.19899.1.A1.at	HGD	homogentisate 1,2-dioxygenase (homogentisate oxidase)
Bt.19825.1.A1.at	LOC510467	similar to UDP glucucosyltransferase 2 family, polypeptide B4
Bt.19790.1.A1.at	TRIM22	tripartite motif-containing 22
Bt.19647.2.S1.at	LOC529062	similar to Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 28
Bt.19620.1.A1.at	LOC508348 //	similar to Interferon-induced protein 44 (Antigen p44) (Non-A non-B hepatitis-as
Bt.19448.1.S1.at	MAEA	macrophage erythroblast attachment
Bt.19445.1.A1.at	LOC537451	similar to glycogen synthase
Bt.19408.1.A1.at	MGC148776	Hypothetical LOC535746
Bt.19395.1.A1.at	MGC139794	Similar to Transmembrane protein 17
Bt.19111.1.A1.at	MGC152108	similar to zinc finger protein 211
Bt.19063.1.S1.at	ANKRD22	ankyrin repeat domain 22
Bt.19026.1.A1.at	trp6	Transient receptor potential channel 6
Bt.19001.1.S1.at	MIT-2	metallothionein-2
Bt.18918.1.S1.at	SEC22C	SEC22 vesicle trafficking protein homolog C (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.18895.1.A1.at	LOC51875	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001028886.1 G protein-coupled receptor
Bt.18860.1.A1.at	LOC512304	similar to protocadherin 10
Bt.18837.2.A1.at	LOC529195	similar to ENPP5
Bt.18827.1.A1.at	LOC540473	similar to PYRIN
Bt.18759.1.A1.at	MGC134379	similar to Achaete-scute complex homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.18710.2.A1.at	---	Similar to serine active site containing 1
Bt.18639.2.S1.at	FBXO32	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_056628.1 dickkopf homolog 3 [Mus muscu
Bt.18557.1.S1.at	C7	F-box protein 32
Bt.18526.1.A1.at	LOC617176	complement component 7
Bt.18476.1.A1.at	IRF5	Hypothetical LOC617176
Bt.18473.1.S1.at	MGC142910	interferon regulatory factor 5
Bt.18444.1.A1.at	LOC538492	similar to CSaids binding protein
Bt.18440.3.A1.at	LOC510382	Hypothetical LOC538492
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Bt.18316.2.S1.at	LOC513587	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_001005369.1 mitochondrial translatio
Bt.18292.1.A1.at	LOC616277	similar to Adult retina protein
Bt.18116.3.A1.s.at	LOC513185	similar to MOK protein kinase
Bt.18114.1.A1.at	---	hypothetical LOC513185
Bt.18080.3.A1.at	LOC509794	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_803474.1 uridine monophosphate synthet
Bt.17794.2.A1.at	CENPO	similar to TESC protein
Bt.17766.1.A1.at	LOC613821	Centonere protein O
Bt.17766.1.A1.at	---	similar to asier-associated protein
Bt.17685.1.A1.at	LOC596859	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001070405.1 hypothetical protein LOC61
Bt.17605.1.S1.at	POU2AF1	similar to KIAA1588 protein
Bt.17505.1.S1.at	NUD112	POU class 2 associating factor 1
Bt.17758.1.S1.at	LOC541088 //	nudx (nucleoside diphosphate linked motety X)-type motif 12
Bt.17754.1.A1.at	LOC784529	similar to BCL-6 corepressor
Bt.17731.2.S1.at	LOC515491	Similar to KIAA1412 protein
Bt.17701.1.A1.at	MGC148584	Similar to KIAA0843 protein
Bt.17685.1.A1.at	ZFP2	zinc finger protein 2 homolog
Bt.17682.1.A1.s.at	MGC133676	hypothetical LOC504348
Bt.17594.1.S1.at	LOC514596	similar to Chromosome 3 open reading frame 29
Bt.17594.1.S1.at	WDR5	WD repeat domain 5

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Bt.17365.1.S1.at	ST3GAL-V	alpha2,3-sialyltransferase
Bt.17479.1.A1.at	MGC139368	similar to calcium-binding tyrosine-phosphorylation regulated protein
Bt.17468.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_694591.1 tudor domain containing 9 [
Bt.17261.2.S1.at	RP2	retinyl pigmentosa 2 (X-linked recessive)
Bt.17265.1.S1.at	LOC524465	Similar to CG9003-PA
Bt.17265.2.S1.at	NR1H3	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3
Bt.17221.1.A1.at	LOC532664	Similar to leu-tran-oxylase-like (metallopeptidase M8 family)
Bt.17116.1.A1.at	LOC507749	similar to complement component C6 precursor
Bt.16997.1.A1.at	LOC790043	hypothetical protein LOC790043
Bt.16924.1.A1.at	SEPP1	selenoprotein P, plasma, 1
Bt.16938.1.S1.at	LOC512605	similar to CDNA sequence BC085284
Bt.16782.2.S1.at	MGC143433	similar to adenylosuccinate synthetase
Bt.16689.2.A1.at	LOC538447	Similar to serine/threonine kinase
Bt.16668.1.A1.at	TRIM45	tripartite motif-containing 45
Bt.16666.1.A1.at	LOC519739	hypothetical LOC519739
Bt.16495.2.A1.at	LOC511602	similar to alpha-5 type IV collagen
Bt.16481.2.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to XP_001496051.1 PREDICTED: similar to zinc f
Bt.16450.2.A1.at	LOC540735	Similar to Protein KIAA0853
Bt.16350.1.S1.at	MGC142842	Similar to guanylate-binding protein 5
Bt.16331.1.S1.at	PDHB	Pyruvate dehydrogenase (liponamide) beta
Bt.16291.1.A1.at	TEX12	testis expressed 12
Bt.16175.1.A1.at	LOC536187	similar to cytoplasmic activation/proliferation-associated protein 2
Bt.16119.1.S1.at	MGC157040	hypothetical LOC513646
Bt.1607.2.S1.at	LOC526310	similar to KIAA0722 protein
Bt.16046.1.A1.at	LOC532798	similar to Chromosome 1 open reading frame 96
Bt.16016.1.S1.at	P2RX5	purinergic receptor P2X, ligand-gated ion channel, 5
Bt.1603.S1.S1.a.at	DSG1	desmocollin 1
Bt.15987.1.S1.at	LOC784833 ///	pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 19 /// similar to pregnancy-associated glycop
Bt.15987.1.S1.at	PAG19	hypothetical LOC509076
Bt.15936.2.S1.at	ANKRD1	ankyrin repeat domain 1 (cardiac muscle)
Bt.15797.1.S1.at	LOC507834	hypothetical LOC507834
Bt.15768.3.S1.at	LOC507402	Similar to Bone marrow stromal cell antigen 2
Bt.15736.1.S1.at	LOC512972	similar to Histocompatibility (minor) HA-1
Bt.15653.1.S1.at	DSC2	desmocollin 2
Bt.15251.1.S1.at	Aqp1	aquaporin 1
Bt.1521.1.S1.at	LOC282685	resus-like protein
Bt.14734.2.A1.at	MGC137069	Hepatitis A virus cellular receptor 1 N-terminal domain containing protein
Bt.14568.1.A1.at	LOC508264	similar to alafinin
Bt.1451.1.S1.at	RG59	regulator of G-protein signaling 9
Bt.14266.1.A1.a.at	LOC514509	similar to Agmatine ureohydrolase (agmatinase)
Bt.14238.1.A1.at	CRYAA	crystallin, alpha A
Bt.14153.1.S1.at	LOC407121	nebulin
Bt.13974.1.A1.at	LOC617055	similar to BANK
Bt.13968.2.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_989204.1 PREDICTED: similar to phospho
Bt.13940.1.S1.at	LOC535138	similar to CDC31 cell division cycle 91-like 1 (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.13807.1.S1.at	SART1	lysophospholipase 1
Bt.13798.2.S1.at	LOC615685	squamous cell carcinoma antigen recognized by T cells
Bt.13651.1.S1.at	LOC504822	similar to aminopeptidase P
Bt.13629.1.A1.at	MGC139474	similar to inward rectifier potassium channel 16 (Potassium channel, inwardly re
Bt.13624.2.S1.at	FBXO15	F-box protein 15
Bt.1344.1.S1.at	MGC139118	similar to RIKEN cDNA 2810451A06
Bt.13434.3.A1.at	MKRN1	similar to iron-responsive element binding protein 1 (IRE-BP 1) (iron regulatory
Bt.13429.1.S1.at	FBP2	fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase 2
Bt.13429.1.S1.at	FBP2	fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase 2
Bt.13321.1.S1.a.at	LOC511440	erythrocyte membrane protein band 4.2
Bt.13147.1.S1.at	B4GAL15	UDP-Gal 4-epimerase
Bt.13114.1.S1.at	TTPA	tissue plasminogen activator
Bt.13106.1.A1.at	F9	coagulation factor IX
Bt.13079.1.S1.at	MYOG	myogenin (myogenic factor 4)
Bt.13069.3.A1.at	CACNA1D	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, L type, alpha 1D
Bt.13065.1.S1.at	KCNJ8	potassium inwardly-rectifying channel, subfamily J, member 8
Bt.13051.1.S1.at	POLR1B	polymerase (RNA) I polypeptide B
Bt.13031.1.A1.at	MTR	5-methyltetrahydrofolate-homocysteine methyltransferase
Bt.12938.1.S1.at	NRXN3	neurexin 3
Bt.12904.2.S1.at	LOC506290	Hypothetical LOC506290
Bt.12902.1.S1.at	MGC165678	similar to ZNF 304 protein
Bt.12783.1.A1.at	PDC	phosducin
Bt.12641.2.S1.at	PLVAP	plasma membrane vesicle associated protein
Bt.126.1.S2.at	KCNJ2	potassium inwardly-rectifying channel, subfamily J, member 2
Bt.12589.1.S1.at	LOC532965	similar to alpha3A chain laminin

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Bt.12574.2.S1.at	LOC508320	similar to serine/threonine kinase 19
Bt.12452.1.A1.at	LOC536143	similar to GCN1 general control of amino-acid synthesis 1-like 1
Bt.12345.2.S1.at	LOC506730	similar to microfilament and actin filament cross-linker protein
Bt.12261.2.S1.at	C2orf113	teapase 1
Bt.12196.1.S1.at	cd45	membrane tyrosine phosphatase
Bt.12186.1.S1.at	INSL3	insulin-like 3 (Leydig cell)
Bt.11907.1.A1.at	MCPH1	microcephalin 1
Bt.11759.1.A1.at	PAX6	paired box 6
Bt.11590.1.A1.at	COL11A1	collagen, type XI, alpha 1
Bt.11459.2.A1.at	MGC152256	Similar to CG16790-PA
Bt.11455.1.A1.at	LOC505600 ///	UTP14, U3 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein, homolog C (yeast) /// similar to UT
Bt.11401.1.S1.at	UTP14C	similar to Non-metastatic cells 3, protein expressed in
Bt.11315.2.S1.at	LOC538568 ///	similar to NCAG1
Bt.11262.1.S1.at	PEG3	paternally expressed 3
Bt.11218.1.S1.at	LRR25	leucine rich repeat containing 25
Bt.11174.1.S1.at	KIR2DL1	Killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor, two domains, long cytoplasmic tail, 1
Bt.11167.1.S1.at	LOC505935	hypothetical LOC505935
Bt.11152.1.S1.at	LOC785246	similar to SAMD1 protein
Bt.11130.1.S1.at	DNMT1	DNA (cytosine-5-)methyltransferase 1
Bt.11103.2.S1.at	LOC505541	similar to Ras-interacting protein 1
Bt.11080.1.S1.at	IL2RG	interleukin 2 receptor, gamma
Bt.11061.1.S1.at	MGC128574	similar to hsp70-interacting protein
Bt.10981.1.A1.at	MGC128728	similar to RNA polymerase I associated factor 53
Bt.10811.1.S1.at	MAPRE3	microtubule-associated protein, RP/EB family, member 3
Bt.10543.1.S1.at	LOC784675	Similar to KIAA1462 protein
Bt.1047.1.S1.at	MGC18291	similar to Huntingtin-interacting protein 1-related protein (Hsp1-related) (Hsp
Bt.10144.1.A1_a.at	MGC142564	similar to T-lymphoma invasion and metastasis inducing protein 1 (TIAM1 protein)
Bt.10102.2.S1_a.at	CCDC84 ///	coiled-coil domain containing 84 /// similar to DLNB14
Bt.10089.1.S1.at	MGC152258	hypothetical LOC535263
Bt.9849.1.A1.at	LOC508470	hypothetical LOC508470
Bt.9745.1.A1.at	LOC507464	similar to keratin 15
Bt.9576.3.S1.at	COMMD4	COMMD domain containing 4
Bt.9564.1.S1.at	LYPLA3	lysophospholipase 3 (lysosomal phospholipase A2)
Bt.8946.2.S1_a.at	SLOC1A2	solute carrier organic anion transporter family, member 1A2
Bt.8798.1.S1.at	LOC507093 ///	similar to retinaldehyde dehydrogenase 3 /// similar to aldehyde dehydrogenase 6
Bt.8797.1.S1.at	MGC139675	similar to Rbp1 GTPase-activating protein 1 (Rap(GAP)
Bt.8451.2.S1.at	MI4B	mythematic aciduria (cobalamin deficiency) cblB type
Bt.8427.1.S1.at	LOC537594	similar to phosphatase and actin regulator 1
Bt.8166.2.S1.at	CXCR5	CXCR5 finger 5
Bt.8144.1.S1.at	XCL1	chemokine (C motif) ligand 1
Bt.8001.1.S1.at	MAPK13	mitogen-activated protein kinase 13
Bt.7919.1.A1.at	FXYD7	FXYD domain containing ion transport regulator 7
Bt.7873.1.S2.at	LU	Lutheran blood group (Aubberger b antigen included)
Bt.7873.1.S1.at	LU	Lutheran blood group (Aubberger b antigen included)
Bt.748.2.A1.at	POLR2J2	DNA directed RNA polymerase II polypeptide J-related gene
Bt.744.1.S1.at	ARID5A	AT rich interactive domain 5A (MRF-1-like)
Bt.7346.1.S1.at	LOC507464	similar to keratin 15
Bt.7220.1.S1.at	BLA-DQB	MHC class II antigen
Bt.7056.5.A1_x.at	HBG ///	hemoglobin, gamma /// hemoglobin, gamma 2
Bt.701.1.S1.at	LOC788610	similar to Fibronectin leucine rich transmembrane protein 1
Bt.6897.1.S1.at	LOC504848	similar to adaptor molecule-1
Bt.6702.1.S1.at	LOC538659	hypothetical LOC538659
Bt.6685.1.S1.at	MGC142685	similar to Bifunctional methylenetetrahydrofolate dehydrogenase/cyclohydrolase,
Bt.6653.1.S1.at	ALKBH4	ALKB, alkylation repair homolog 4
Bt.6141.1.S1.at	DES	desmin
Bt.5951.1.S1.at	LOC512922	similar to Sp/Anandine receptor domain and SOCS box containing 4
Bt.5934.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_002488.1 NIMA (never in mitosis gene a
Bt.5919.2.S1.at	GADP1L1	glucocorticoid-induced differentiation-associated protein 1-like 1
Bt.5848.2.S1.at	ATP2A1	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, cardiac muscle, fast twitch 1
Bt.55.1.S1.at	PRFEB	phosphodiesterase 6B, cGMP-specific, rod, beta (congenital stationary night blind
Bt.5488.1.S1.at	LOC514313	similar to phosphonolipid cluster sorting protein 1
Bt.5427.1.A1.at	SCG2	secretogranin II (chromogranin C)
Bt.538.1.S1.at	IL3	interleukin 3
Bt.537.1.S1.at	CRYGD	crystallin, gamma D
Bt.5348.1.S1.at	H19 ///	hypothetical LOC511905 /// H19, imprinted maternally expressed untranslated mRNA
Bt.508.1.A1.at	LOC511905	secreted phosphoprotein 2, 24kDa
Bt.500.1.A1.at	SPF2	cadherin 16, KSP-cadherin
Bt.500.1.A1.at	CDH16	

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BT 5014.1.S1.at	EGFR1	fibroblast growth factor receptor 1
BT 5011.1.S1.at	CHRM3	cholinergic receptor, muscarinic 3
BT 5003.2.S1.a.at	EMCN	endomucin
BT 489.1.S1.at	TNF5F5	tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily, member 5
BT 486.4.S1.at	MYH8	myosin, heavy chain 8, skeletal muscle, perinatal
BT 4799.1.S1.at	CDKN1C	cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1C
BT 4751.2.S1.at	SLC4A1	solute carrier family 4, anion exchanger, member 1 (erythrocyte membrane protein)
BT 4665.1.S1.at	BOU4-DQA2	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ alpha 2
BT 4662.1.S1.at	GLYCAM1	glycosylation-dependent cell adhesion molecule 1
BT 4536.1.S1.at	NOS3	nitric oxide synthase 3 (endothelial cell)
BT 4447.3.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_606704.2 PREDICTED: similar to FLJ00110
BT 4303.1.S1.at	CYP19	Cytochrome P450, family XIX (conversion of androgen to estrogen), aromatase
BT 4208.1.S1.at	ADA	adenosine deaminase
BT 4060.2.A1.at	LOC782642 ///	interleukin 8 receptor, beta
BT 37.2.A1.at	MAL	mal, T-cell differentiation protein /// similar to Mal, T-cell differentiation p
BT 3554.1.S1.at	LHGR	lutetizing hormone/choriogonadotropin receptor
BT 350.1.S1.at	LOC529049	similar to mannose receptor, C type 2
BT 3307.1.S1.at	BLA-DQB	MHC class II antigen
BT 3282.1.S1.at	NDP	Norrie disease (pseudoglioma)
BT 3046.2.S1.at	FCNB	similar to dipeptidase 1 (renal)
BT 29874.1.S1.at	siGaiNac-VI	beta-galactosidase alpha-2,6-sialyltransferase
BT 29853.1.S1.at	MEST	mesoderm specific transcript homolog (mouse)
BT 29851.1.S1.at	NG7	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), gamma 7
BT 29838.1.A1.at	BLA-DQB	nebulin
BT 29838.1.A1.at	GLY1-1Ab	MHC class II antigen
BT 29813.1.S1.at	---	glycine transporter
BT 29813.1.S1.at	---	Immunoglobulin light chain variable region
BT 29811.1.A1.at	---	Hybridoma BL2C7 immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region
BT 29811.1.A1.at	---	Hybridoma BL2C7 immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region
BT 29768.1.S1.at	SIAT1	Hybridoma BL5144 immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region
BT 29765.1.A1.at	---	Sialyltransferase 1 (beta-galactoside alpha-2,6-sialyltransferase)
BT 29765.1.S1.at	---	Glutathione-S-transferase (GST) specific immunoglobulin light chain variable reg
BT 29759.1.S1.x.at	LOC95349	similar to TCRV817
BT 29677.1.S1.at	LOC96453 ///	similar to T-cell receptor beta chain V region C5 precursor /// hypothetical LOC
BT 29389.1.S1.at	LOC814734 ///	opticin
BT 29371.1.A1.at	LOC788205	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to XP_942860.1 PREDICTED: similar to SET domai
BT 29144.1.S1.at	C2orf55	hypothetical protein LOC788205
BT 29099.1.S1.at	CLRN3	chromosome 20 open reading frame 55
BT 29091.1.A1.at	MGCI152111	Chlam 3
BT 29000.1.S1.at	BCKDHA	Hypothetical LOC597206
BT 28983.1.A1.a.at	LOC515285	branched chain keto acid dehydrogenase E1, alpha polypeptide
BT 28774.1.A1.at	EIF1	similar to HATH1
BT 28742.1.S1.at	USF1	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 1
BT 28534.2.S1.at	LOC404103 ///	similar to Probable transcription factor CST (Castor-related protein)
BT 28518.1.S1.s.at	PTI	upstream transcription factor 1
BT 28453.1.S1.at	VpreB	similar to pleckstrin 2
BT 28453.1.A1.at	VpreB	spleen tyrosin inhibitor /// pancreatic trypsin inhibitor
BT 28294.1.S1.at	LOC615733	immunoglobulin light chain variable region
BT 28173.2.S1.at	LOC512700	immunoglobulin light chain variable region
BT 28024.1.A1.at	LOC407111	similar to human immunity associated protein 1
BT 28020.1.S1.at	KCNK2	similar to Fil3
BT 28008.1.S1.s.at	LOC785621 ///	Fas ligand
BT 28004.2.S1.a.at	TRD@	KERIA
BT 28003.1.S1.at	---	potassium intermediate/small conductance calcium-activated channel, subfamily N,
BT 28003.1.A1.at	---	T-cell receptor delta chain /// hypothetical LOC505306 /// hypothetical protein
BT 28000.1.S1.at	---	TCR mRNA for T cell receptor gamma chain, partial cds, done: BTGV17
BT 28000.1.S1.at	---	TCR mRNA for T cell receptor gamma chain, partial cds, done: BTGV17
BT 28000.1.S1.at	TRGC4	T cell receptor gamma TRGV5-1
BT 27992.1.S1.at	SHR1d	T cell receptor gamma C4
BT 27984.1.A1.x.at	---	5-hydroxytryptamine 1D receptor
BT 27981.1.S1.at	---	5-hydroxytryptamine 1D receptor
BT 27981.1.S1.at	---	Immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region (IGHV gene)
BT 27981.1.S1.at	---	complement receptor type 2

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BT 27927.1.S1.at	LOC532674	similar to OTT_HLM/P00000018557
BT 27865.1.S1.at	LOC788252	similar to latrophilin-1
BT 27803.1.A1.at	CENPM	centromere protein M
BT 2771.1.S1.at	LOC722810	similar to testis expressed sequence 14
BT 27631.1.A1.at	EXPI	extracellular proteinase inhibitor
BT 27534.1.A1.at	LOC787969	similar to cancer susceptibility candidate 5
BT 27333.1.S1.at	SLC35C1	solute carrier family 35, member C1
BT 27308.1.S1.at	KRT11	keratin 17
BT 27236.1.S1.at	MGCI137932	similar to empty spiracles homolog 2
BT 27134.1.A1.at	LOC404171	sodium chloride cotransporter
BT 26886.1.S1.at	LOC522307	similar to DNA polymerase lambda
BT 26766.1.S1.at	TOP3B	topoisomerase (DNA) III beta
BT 26644.2.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_478667.2 chromosome 21 open reading
BT 26637.2.S1.at	LOC613386	similar to fibroblast growth factor homologous factor 3
BT 26593.1.A1.a.at	TRIM10	similar to chromatin modifying protein 4C
BT 26544.1.S1.at	LOC784636	tripartite motif-containing 10
BT 26506.1.S1.at	MGCI157157	similar to euchromatic histone methyltransferase 1
BT 26462.1.S1.at	ORF1	hypothetical protein LOC784636
BT 26351.1.A1.at	MGCI143242	ORF1 protein
BT 26255.1.S1.at	LOC516661	similar to preproendothelin-3
BT 26160.1.A1.at	MAEL	similar to putative leucine-rich glioma inactivated 3
BT 26080.3.S1.at	LOC532872	similar to c-mycoproliferative leukemia virus type P
BT 25983.1.A1.at	ARL3	maelstrom homolog (Drosophila)
BT 25977.2.A1.at	LOC510260	hypothetical LOC532872
BT 25875.1.A1.at	LOC540703	ADP-ribosylation factor-like 3
BT 25775.1.A1.at	PDE1B	hypothetical LOC510260
BT 25709.1.A1.at	LOC506152	similar to FOXJ2 forkhead factor
BT 25543.1.A1.at	TARBP2	similar to Guanine nucleotide binding protein-like 3 (nuclear)
BT 25528.1.S1.at	LOC518023	hypothetical LOC516656
BT 25506.1.A1.at	P1P	hypothetical LOC518023
BT 25458.1.A1.at	FFCAB1	pancreatic threat protein
BT 25428.1.A1.at	LOC781497	hypothetical LOC518023
BT 25382.1.A1.at	LOC506037	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_001025472.1 TIR domain containing ad
BT 25302.1.A1.at	MGCI159655	EF-hand calcium binding domain 1
BT 25018.1.A1.at	LOC618224	similar to ILH-PAS transcription factor NXF
BT 24779.2.S1.at	CREM	similar to interleukin 21 receptor
BT 24771.2.S1.at	CPNE6	similar to netrin receptor Unc5h1
BT 24663.1.A1.at	LOC540142	similar to fibroblast growth factor 13
BT 24584.1.S1.at	MGCI139429	similar to peptidylarginine deiminase type I
BT 24568.1.A1.a.at	MGCI19331	cAMP responsive element modulator
BT 24542.2.S1.at	LOC512034	copine VI (neuronal)
BT 24466.1.S1.at	MGCI148717	Similar to Forkhead-like 18 (Drosophila)
BT 24382.1.S1.at	LOC5143376	SH2 domain protein 2A
BT 24341.1.S1.at	TSPAN2	similar to UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide N-acetylgalactosaminyl
BT 24298.1.A1.at	LOC617934	similar to Kalikrein 10 precursor (Protease serine-like 1) (Normal epithelial c
BT 24219.2.S1.a.at	LOC515301	similar to voltage-dependent calcium channel gamma-4 subunit
BT 24081.1.A1.at	TD02	similar to neurotysin
BT 23731.1.A1.at	LOC508455	similar to Transmembrane protein 130
BT 23703.1.A1.at	MGCI138875	similar to zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 12
BT 23658.2.S1.at	DUSP26	similar to neurixin II
BT 23521.2.S1.a.at	DUSP26	terasanin 2
BT 23521.1.S1.at	LOC785186 ///	Hypothetical LOC617934
BT 23465.1.S1.at	MGCI139964	similar to Cdc6-related protein
BT 23309.1.S1.a.at	LOC509593	similar to Rho-GTPase-activating protein 8
BT 23195.2.S1.at	NR5A1	myogalladin
BT 2314.1.S1.at	SELL	Nuclear receptor subfamily 5, group A, member 1
BT 232.S1.a.at	SLC6A2	selectin L
BT 22938.1.S1.at	CYLC2	solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, noradrenalin), member 2
BT 22879.1.S1.at	HS017B1 ///	solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, noradrenalin), member 2
BT 22877.1.S1.at	LOC785989	cyclin, basic protein of sperm head cytoskeleton 2
BT 22873.1.A1.at	CBP40	hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 1 /// similar to Hydroxysteroid (17-beta)
BT 22873.1.A1.at	NTRK1	catecholamine binding protein CBP40
BT 22873.1.A1.at	---	neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 1

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Bt_22863.1.S1.at	C20ORF18	ubiquitin conjugating enzyme 7 interacting protein 3
Bt_22863.1.S1.at	MGC156311	similar to C22orf13 protein
Bt_22846.2.S1.a.at	TSPAN33	teraspainin 33
Bt_22163.1.S1.at	MGC137948	similar to KIAA1914 protein
Bt_22083.2.S1.at	DNAJB5	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily B, member 5
Bt_22173.2.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_003990.1 oncostatin M receptor [Homo]
Bt_22173.2.S1.at	---	similar to guanylate-binding protein 5
Bt_21614.2.S1.at	MGC142842	hypothetical LOC508790 /// hypothetical protein LOC782984
Bt_21578.2.S1.at	LOC782984 /// MGC148663	similar to renal organic cation transporter
Bt_21366.3.S1.at	MGC19461	similar to Brionio adjacent homology domain containing 1
Bt_21252.2.S1.at	LOC617684	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_032218.1 guanylate cyclase 2a [Mus m]
Bt_20948.1.S1.at	VSNL1	visinin-like 1
Bt_20948.1.S1.at	LOC510592	similar to F52H3.5
Bt_20948.1.S1.at	EVAT1	epithelial V-like antigen 1
Bt_20543.1.S1.at	LOC513662	hypothetical LOC513662
Bt_20540.3.A1.at	LOC509801	similar to immunoglobulin-associated beta
Bt_20403.1.S1.at	LOC789882	hypothetical protein LOC789882
Bt_20359.1.S1.at	MGC148465	similar to IKAROS family zinc finger 3 (Aiolos)
Bt_20328.3.S1.at	MGC166079	Similar to PHD finger protein 2
Bt_20228.1.S1.at	RTN2	reticulon 2
Bt_20136.1.S1.at	LOC529808	similar to KIAA0404
Bt_19930.1.S1.at	LOC505056	similar to GPR35
Bt_19877.1.A1.at	PSM05	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, ATPase, 5
Bt_1978.9.S1.at	TRB@	T cell receptor, beta cluster
Bt_1976.2.S1.at	MGC139033	similar to suppression of tumorigenicity 5
Bt_19750.1.S1.at	MGC140234	Similar to tRNA selenocysteine associated protein
Bt_197.1.S1.at	SELE	selectin E
Bt_19517.1.S1.at	ERBB3	v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)
Bt_19295.2.S1.at	LOC538827	similar to Apolipoprotein-L domain-containing protein 1 (Vascular early response
Bt_18983.1.A1.at	MGC159441	hypothetical LOC511455
Bt_18982.1.A1.at	AOAH	acyloxyacyl hydrolase
Bt_18326.2.A1.a.at	MGC151537	microtubule-associated protein 7
Bt_18009.1.A1.at	C6orf13	chromosome 8 open reading frame 13
Bt_17723.1.A1.s.at	LOC513619	hypothetical protein MGC13619
Bt_176.1.S1.at	GAL	galactin
Bt_17599.1.A1.at	CDH8	cadherin 8, type 2
Bt_17314.2.A1.at	CLGN	calmagin
Bt_16873.1.S1.at	HSD17B2	hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 2
Bt_16735.1.A1.at	LOC527732	Similar to plakophilin 4
Bt_16332.1.A1.at	LOC534842	similar to Roundabout homolog 2 precursor
Bt_16238.2.S1.at	LOC614598	similar to mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 6
Bt_16200.1.A1.at	LOC506520	similar to WNK lysine deficient protein kinase 2
Bt_16103.1.S1.at	APOB	apolipoprotein B
Bt_16062.1.A1.at	LOC781013	hypothetical protein LOC781013
Bt_16037.1.S1.at	LOC783982 /// MGC140602	similar to globoside alpha-1,3-N-acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 1 /// hypotheti
Bt_15988.1.S1.at	PAG20	pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 20
Bt_15986.1.S1.at	PAG18	pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 18
Bt_15981.1.S1.at	GPR44	G protein-coupled receptor 44
Bt_15900.2.S1.at	LOC528336	similar to Adenosylhomocysteinase 3
Bt_15822.1.S1.at	MGC159776	similar to Proteo-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase FGR (P65-FGR) (C-FGR)
Bt_15713.2.S1.at	LOC518658	similar to Plectstrin
Bt_15301.1.S1.at	DUSP3	dual specificity phosphatase 3 (vaccinia virus phosphatase VHI-related)
Bt_1493.1.S1.at	LOC363316	similar to polymerase (RNA) I polypeptide A, 194kDa
Bt_14726.1.A1.at	LOC510506	similar to carboxyl phosphate synthetase 1
Bt_14202.2.S1.at	LG14	leucine-rich repeat (LG) family, member 4
Bt_14139.1.A1.at	C9	complement component 9
Bt_1396.1.S1.at	GLEC3B	C-type lectin domain family 3, member B
Bt_13468.1.S1.at	MGC159817	similar to Serine dehydratase-like
Bt_13331.1.S1.at	LOC505697	similar to Ryanodine receptor 1 (Skeletal muscle-type ryanodine receptor) (RyR1)
Bt_13211.1.A1.at	LOC509824	similar to Osog0528700
Bt_13102.1.S1.at	ADRA2A	adrenergic, alpha-2A-, receptor
Bt_13105.1.S1.at	CACNG2	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, gamma subunit 2
Bt_13065.1.S1.at	HAS3	hyaluronan synthase 3
Bt_13003.8.A1.at	CACNA1L	alpha1I-T-type calcium channel subunit
Bt_13003.4.S1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt_12930.1.S1.a.at	TAC1	tachykinin, precursor 1
Bt_12928.1.S1.at	IL13	interleukin 13
Bt_12847.1.S1.at	STAT4	statheirn
Bt_12804.1.S1.at	KIT	v-kit Hardy-Zuckerman 4 feline sarcoma viral oncogene homolog
Bt_12781.2.S1.a.at	MYB	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)

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Bt_12300.2.S1.at	LOC788772	similar to myosin heavy chain 2a
Bt_12240.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_001255051.1 PREDICTED: similar to OTTH
Bt_1222.1.S1.at	ATP1B2	ATPase, Na(+)-K(+)-transporting, beta 2 polypeptide
Bt_12083.1.S1.s.at	LOC507139	similar to Goa protein
Bt_11676.1.A1.at	LOC784738 /// RPS12	ribosomal protein S12 /// hypothetical protein LOC784738
Bt_11666.3.S1.a.at	MGC157202	similar to steroid response element binding protein cleavage-activating protein
Bt_11659.1.S1.at	MRP63	mitochondrial ribosomal protein 63
Bt_11653.1.A1.at	LOC40008	Similar to myosin light chain 1, slow-twitch muscle A isoform (MLC1sa) (Alkali)
Bt_11541.2.S1.at	LOC516041	hypothetical LOC516041
Bt_11266.2.S1.s.at	MGC166040	hypothetical LOC506374
Bt_11215.1.S1.s.at	TNNI3	troponin T type 3 (skeletal, fast)
Bt_11214.1.S1.at	RP1	retinitis pigmentosa 1 (autosomal dominant)
Bt_11204.1.S1.at	PROKR2	prokineticin receptor 2
Bt_10921.1.S1.at	TBX19	T-box 19
Bt_10696.1.S1.at	CDC43	cell division cycle associated 3
Bt_10310.1.S1.at	MYBPC1	myosin binding protein C, slow type
BtAfKx.1.5.S1.at	TRHR	thyrotropin-releasing hormone receptor
BtAfKx.1.13.S1.at	TAC3	tachykinin 3 (neurokinin K, neurokinin beta)
Bt_9944.1.S1.at	DPYSL5	dihydropyrimidinase-like 5
Bt_9909.1.S1.at	CDCDC22	coiled-coil domain containing 22
Bt_9850.1.A1.at	PRP2	proline-rich protein PRP2
Bt_9736.1.S1.at	LOC512548	hypothetical LOC512548
Bt_9735.2.A1.at	APOM	apolipoprotein M
Bt_9697.1.A1.at	MGC137543	similar to Alcohol dehydrogenase 6
Bt_9692.1.S1.at	BSP30C	common salivary protein BSP30 form C
Bt_965.1.S1.at	MATN1	matrilin 1, cartilage matrix protein
Bt_9648.1.S1.at	LOC505595	similar to Ost-1
Bt_9622.2.S1.at	LOC538901	hypothetical LOC538901
Bt_9599.3.S1.at	MGC128671	Similar to isolated hexakisphosphate kinase 2 (hsP6 kinase 2) (nosli) hexakis
Bt_9590.1.S1.at	LOC5030483	similar to C21orf108
Bt_9586.1.S1.at	MES1	elastin microfibril interfacer 2
Bt_9535.1.S1.at	TRGO8	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type C-associated protein
Bt_9501.1.S1.at	ANKZF1	mesoderm specific transcript homolog (mouse)
Bt_9431.2.S1.at	LOC786506	T-cell receptor gamma chain TRGO8
Bt_9420.1.S1.at	LOC786566	ankyrin repeat and zinc finger domain containing 1
Bt_9390.1.S1.at	MGC160028	similar to KIAA1138 protein /// similar to REX1, RNA exonuclease 1 homolog (S. c
Bt_9353.1.S1.at	EMILIN2	similar to plectin 6
Bt_9308.1.S1.at	PTPRCAP	similar to tumor endothelial marker 7
Bt_9221.1.A1.at	P2RY10	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type C-associated protein
Bt_9163.2.S1.at	LOC788760	similar to tangierin C
Bt_9111.1.S1.at	LOC514967	purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 10
Bt_9097.1.S1.at	GRAMD1A	similar to K+ channel tetramerization protein
Bt_9035.1.S1.at	LOC506974	hypothetical protein LOC507027
Bt_9032.1.S1.a.at	TCRG	hypothetical LOC506974
Bt_9012.1.S1.at	LOC508247	T-cell receptor gamma chain
Bt_8984.1.S1.at	MGC152112	similar to KIAA1639 protein
Bt_8967.1.S1.at	GDF8	similar to MIB006
Bt_8946.1.S1.at	SLOC1A2	growth differentiation factor 8
Bt_8941.1.S1.at	CHI3A	solute carrier organic anion transporter family, member 1A2
Bt_8861.1.S1.at	AIPL1	chitinase, acidic
Bt_8547.1.S1.at	SLAM	avyl hydrocarbon receptor interacting protein-like 1
Bt_8298.1.S1.at	MGC165989	signaling lymphocytic activation molecule
Bt_8267.2.S1.at	LOC508697	similar to MGC2841 protein
Bt_8242.2.S1.at	LOC518364	dipeptidyl-peptidases 4 (CD26, adenosine deaminase complexing protein 2)
Bt_82.1.A1.at	CYP3A4	similar to OHGU decarboxylase
Bt_8160.2.S1.at	LOC782388	cyclochrome P450, subfamily IIA (nifedipine oxidase), polypeptide 4
Bt_8146.1.S1.at	EVC	similar to copine II-like related protein
Bt_8103.1.S1.a.at	LOC505556	Ellis van Creveld syndrome
Bt_8090.1.A1.at	LOC513045	similar to Vaj-HRNA synthetase
Bt_8079.2.S1.at	LOC509045	similar to Myo-binding protein 1A
Bt_8064.1.S1.at	LMID2	similar to KIAA0138
Bt_8053.3.S1.at	LOC506045	LIM domain containing 2
Bt_8048.1.S1.at	LOC506434 /// LOC790768	hypothetical LOC506045
Bt_7998.1.A1.at	LOC614413	similar to tropoin I
Bt_7907.2.S1.a.at	CDK10 /// LOC785111	similar to Efr-3
Bt_7780.1.S1.at	LTF	cyclin-dependent kinase 10 /// hypothetical protein LOC785111
		Lactotransferrin

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Bt.7763.1.S1_at	LOC514326	similar to TLE3 protein
Bt.7712.S1_at	NFATC4	nuclear factor of activated T-cells, cytoplasmic, calcineurin-dependent 4
Bt.7711.S1_at	NFATC4	nuclear factor of activated T-cells, cytoplasmic, calcineurin-dependent 4
Bt.7696.1.S1_at	RABGGTA	Rab geranylgeranyltransferase, alpha subunit
Bt.7597.1.S1_at	LOC537511	similar to polyhomeotic 2
Bt.7597.3.S1_a.at	PCBP4	poly(C) binding protein 4
Bt.7435.1.S1_at	UNC119	unc-119 homolog (C. elegans)
Bt.7416.2.S1_at	LOC521413	similar to G protein-coupled receptor kinase 6, splice variant B, GRK6B
Bt.7404.1.S1_s.at	CEN1B1	centaurin, beta 1
Bt.7356.2.S1_at	LOC535403	similar to MYST1 histone acetyltransferase (monocytic leukemia) 4
Bt.7304.1.S1_at	MGC129010	similar to eNOS interacting protein
Bt.7208.1.S1_at	ZP2	zona pellucida glycoprotein 2 (sperm receptor)
Bt.7207.1.S1_at	ZP4	zona pellucida glycoprotein 4
Bt.7197.2.S1_at	PRL	prolactin
Bt.7179.3.S1_a.at	MMP23B	matrix metalloproteinase 23B
Bt.7173.1.S1_at	LOC513500	similar to Chromosome 17 open reading frame 68
Bt.7172.1.S1_at	MOG	myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein
Bt.7150.3.A1_at	LOC533514	similar to KIAA1289 protein
Bt.7141.1.S1_at	LOC533858	aromatase cytochrome P450 pseudogene
Bt.7039.2.S1_at	MGC134398	similar to mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 2
Bt.7016.1.S1_at	MGC126906	similar to MON1 homolog B
Bt.7013.1.S1_at	LOC505900	similar to interleukin 32
Bt.6896.1.S1_at	MGC137960	similar to ATP-binding cassette, sub-family F (GCN20), member 3
Bt.6823.1.S1_at	FGD3	FYVE, RhoGEF, and PH domain containing 3
Bt.6650.1.S1_at	LOC525303	similar to human gamma-glutamyl hydrolase
Bt.6608.1.S1_at	LOC518168	Similar to VESPR
Bt.6583.1.S1_at	LOC511762	similar to ATP-binding cassette sub-family A member 7 (Macrophage ABC transporter)
Bt.657.1.S1_at	LOC506074 ///	
Bt.6509.1.S1_at	LOC782744	similar to Chromosome 17 open reading frame 63
Bt.6410.1.A1_at	LOC511043	similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit
Bt.6409.1.S1_at	LOC506518	similar to placenta expressed transcript protein
Bt.6405.1.S1_at	LOC532789	Similar to PAWR
Bt.6405.1.S1_at	MBP	myelin basic protein
Bt.6403.1.A1_at	LOC534823	Similar to protein serine/threonine kinase
Bt.6177.2.S1_at	SNX21	sorting nexin family member 21
Bt.6167.1.S1_at	LOC617087	similar to Transmembrane anchor protein 1
Bt.6162.2.S1_a.at	MGC160024	similar to Ring finger protein 166
Bt.6151.1.S1_at	CSF1R	colony stimulating factor 1 receptor
Bt.6095.2.A1_at	GPR137	G protein-coupled receptor 137
Bt.6068.2.S1_at	MGC142307	similar to topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha
Bt.6067.2.S1_at	LOC515820	similar to SH2 domain containing 3C
Bt.6002.1.S1_at	LOC505787	similar to ABC-C transporter
Bt.5919.1.S1_at	GDAP1L1	ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated protein 1-like 1
Bt.583.1.S1_a.at	CSN3	casein kappa
Bt.580.1.S1_at	NEFL	neurofilament, light polypeptide
Bt.5768.2.S1_at	IRF7	interferon regulatory factor 7
Bt.570.1.S1_at	UMOD	uromodulin
Bt.5666.1.S1_at	MGC159743	similar to unnamed secretory protein
Bt.562.1.S1_at	PFKFB1	6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/fructose-2,6-bisphosphatase 1
Bt.5562.1.S1_at	PCSK1	proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 1
Bt.555.1.S1_at	CA4	carbonic anhydrase IV
Bt.554.1.S1_at	DMP1	dentin matrix acidic phosphoprotein
Bt.5531.3.S1_at	BACE1	beta-site APP-cleaving enzyme 1
Bt.5497.1.S1_a.at	NRXN1	neurexin 1
Bt.5456.1.S2_at	AQP4	aquaporin 4
Bt.5456.1.S1_at	AQP4	aquaporin 4
Bt.5391.2.S1_at	CSN2	casein beta
Bt.5362.2.S1_at	SERPINA3-7	serpin family A member 3 variant 7
Bt.5353.1.S1_a.at	SBBF4	single stranded DNA binding protein 4
Bt.5336.1.A1_a.at	TF	transferin
Bt.5333.3.S1_a.at	CRELD1	cysteine-rich with EGF-like domains 1
Bt.5306.1.S1_at	TCAP	titin-cap
Bt.5277.3.S1_at	CCRK	cell cycle related kinase
Bt.5219.1.S1_at	TCF21	transcription factor 21
Bt.5192.3.S1_at	LOC617546	similar to chromosome 6 open reading frame 47
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Bt.5175.1.S1_at	RNH1	ribonuclease/angiogenin inhibitor 1
Bt.5130.1.A1_a.at	ALB	albumin
Bt.5126.2.S1_a.at	COMMD5	COMMD domain containing 5
Bt.5116.2.S1_a.at	LOC506831	hypothetical LOC506831
Bt.5094.1.S1_at	CKB	creatine kinase, brain
Bt.51.S1_at	IL5 ///	
	LOC785154	interleukin 5 /// similar to interleukin-5

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Bt.4933.1.S1_at	MGC142408	similar to protein kinase XI
Bt.4886.1.A1_at	LRRIC17	leucine rich repeat containing 17
Bt.4833.3.S1_a.at	VRK3	vaccinia related kinase 3
Bt.4817.2.S1_at	MGC128478	similar to claudin 11
Bt.4795.1.S1_at	SLC6A4	solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, serotonin), member 4
Bt.4735.1.S2_at	ACACA	acyl-coenzyme A carboxylase alpha
Bt.4734.1.S1_at	GNAT4	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha 14
Bt.4721.S1_at	GNAT2	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha transducing activity poly
Bt.47.1.S1_at	CNA6	carbonic anhydrase VI
Bt.4671.S1_at	MAPT	microtubule-associated protein tau
Bt.4621.1.S1_a.at	SHITN	smoothelin
Bt.4619.2.S1_at	LOC514958	hypothetical LOC514958
Bt.4589.1.S1_at	MGC140424	similar to death effector domain-containing DNA binding protein 2
Bt.4588.1.S1_at	PLEKHQ1	pleckstrin homology domain containing, family Q member 1
Bt.4575.1.S1_at	LOC100125320	hypothetical protein LOC100125320
Bt.457.1.S1_at	SPADH1	spermadhesin 1
Bt.4559.1.S1_at	MGC151650	similar to SCG10-related protein HAT13
Bt.4557.1.S1_at	IFNAR1	interferon, alpha, receptor
Bt.4553.1.S1_at	LOC526472	similar to CLIM2
Bt.4552.4.A1_at	PLCB4	phospholipase C, beta 4
Bt.4481.1.S1_at	DBH	dopamine beta-hydroxylase
Bt.4474.2.S1_a.at	LOC507590	similar to Protein C20orf35 (HSMNP1)
Bt.4461.1.S1_at	CKMT1	creatine kinase, mitochondrial 1 (ubiquitous)
Bt.44.1.S1_at	C4BPB	complement component 4 binding protein, beta
Bt.4397.2.S1_a.at	POMT1	protein-O-mannosyltransferase 1
Bt.4387.1.S1_at	MYO1A	myosin IA
Bt.4378.1.S1_at	ECE1	endothelin converting enzyme 1
Bt.4357.1.S1_at	TSPAN7	tetraspanin 7
Bt.4307.1.S1_at	MGC140398	similar to GTPase
Bt.4293.1.S1_at	ICAM3	intercellular adhesion molecule 3
Bt.4238.1.S1_at	LOC616557	hypothetical LOC616557
Bt.4233.1.S1_at	SHYD5	SHYD family member 5
Bt.4219.1.A1_at	LOC526818	Similar to Fuzzy homolog (Drosophila)
Bt.4196.1.S1_at	LOC539462 ///	
Bt.4126.2.S1_at	LOC790205	similar to Myelin PO protein precursor (Myelin protein zero) (Myelin peripheral
Bt.4121.S1_at	MGC159729	similar to Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily A, polypeptide 11
Bt.4121.S1_at	QCCT	glutaminyl-proline cyclotransferase (glutaminyl cyclase)
Bt.4101.S1_at	GCGB ///	
Bt.4101.S1_at	LOC789291	glucagon /// similar to Glucagon precursor
Bt.4091.2.S1_at	LOC782024 ///	
Bt.4081.S1_at	MGC134173	similar to Epsin 1 /// hypothetical protein LOC782024
Bt.4015.1.S1_at	GABRG2	gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) A receptor, gamma 2
Bt.4015.1.S1_at	MGC139434	similar to F4Bf6.4
Bt.4011.1.S1_at	LOC520173	similar to transmembrane protein induced by tumor necrosis factor alpha
	CYP17 ///	
	LOC782561 ///	
	LOC784256 ///	
	LOC785462	cytochrome P450, subfamily XVII /// similar to Cytochrome P450 17A1 (CYPXVII) (P
Bt.3985.1.S1_at	CYM	chymosin
Bt.394.4.S1_a.at	CYM	chymosin
Bt.394.3.A1_a.at	RLBP1	retinaldehyde binding protein 1
Bt.3875.1.S1_at	CD83	CD83 molecule
Bt.3841.2.S1_at	CD83	CD83 molecule
Bt.3787.1.A1_at	LOC785692	Hypothetical protein LOC785692
Bt.3683.1.S1_at	CSN1S1	casein alpha s1
Bt.3681.S1_at	CEN1A	centaurin, alpha 1
Bt.353.1.S1_at	RPH3A	rabphilin 3A homolog (mouse)
Bt.348.2.S1_a.at	PTGER3	prostaglandin E receptor 3 (subtype EP3)
Bt.3415.1.A1_at	LOC504513	hypothetical LOC504513
Bt.34.1.S1_at	TSHR	thyroid stimulating hormone receptor
Bt.3372.3.S1_a.at	LOC511614	similar to putative lysophosphatidic acid acyltransferase
Bt.3313.1.A1_at	ARHGAP24	Rho GTPase activating protein 24
Bt.3306.1.S1_at	LOC512397	similar to ProSAP1 protein
Bt.329.1.S1_at	DNIT1	deoxynucleoside transferase, terminal
Bt.3253.2.S1_at	LOC617871	hypothetical LOC617871
Bt.3242.1.S1_at	CLDN2	claudin 2
Bt.3241.S1_at	LOC286905	serpinidiplasin
Bt.3201.2.S1_at	MGC139107	similar to Glutamate-rich W-D-repeat protein 1
Bt.3196.2.S1_a.at	STF6A8	stimulated by retinoic acid gene 6 homolog
Bt.3189.2.S1_at	LOC540631	similar to FLJ20273 protein
Bt.3165.1.A1_at	MGC151863	similar to ectonucleoside triphosphate diphosphohydrolase 8
Bt.3093.1.S1_at	IMPACT1	Impact homolog (mouse)
Bt.3066.1.A1_at	LOC539411	hypothetical LOC539411
Bt.305.1.S1_at	PKP1	plakophilin 1 (ectodermal dysplasia/skin fragility syndrome)

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BI_27444.1.A1.at	similar to phospholipase B1	LOC506508
BI_27428.2.A1.at	Glycoprotein M6A	GPMB6A
BI_27428.1.A1.at	Glycoprotein M6A	GPMB6A
BI_27397.1.A1.at	similar to Centrosomal protein 72kDa	LOC617312
BI_27380.2.S1.a.at	similar to KIAA0014	MGC159994
BI_27378.1.A1.at	---	---
BI_27364.1.S1.at	Platelet-activating factor receptor	LOC518283
BI_27307.1.S1.at	Transcribed locus	LOC518283
BI_27304.2.S1.at	similar to Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase 3 (Alpha-CP3)	MGC139492
BI_27304.1.S1.at	similar to Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase 3 (Alpha-CP3)	MGC139492
BI_27262.2.S1.at	Similar to multidrug resistance-associated protein	LOC784347
BI_27254.1.A1.at	wingless-type MMTV integration site family, member 2B	WN72B
BI_27251.1.S1.at	similar to Laminin alpha-5 chain	LOC506751
BI_27241.1.S1.at	similar to Spectrin beta chain, erythrocyte (Beta-1 spectrin)	LOC527711
BI_27234.1.S1.at	serine peptidase inhibitor, Kunitz type 1	SPINT1
BI_27229.1.S1.at	similar to Folate transporter 1 (Solute carrier family 19 member 1) (Placental f	MGC140809
BI_27175.2.S1.at	REL2-like 2	REL2
BI_27053.1.A1.at	similar to G protein-coupled receptor 1	LOC509707
BI_27052.1.S1.at	pleckstrin homology, Sec7 and coiled-coil domains 4	PCSD4
BI_27043.2.S1.at	similar to high affinity immunoglobulin E receptor alpha subunit	LOC506783
BI_27029.1.S1.at	transmembrane protein 45B // similar to Transmembrane protein 45B	LOC784875 ///
BI_27015.1.A1.at	similar to ARF GTPase-activating protein GIT2	TMEM45B
BI_27001.1.S1.at	similar to CG18177-PB	LOC516048
BI_26994.1.A1.at	potassium voltage-gated channel, Shab-related subfamily, member 2	MGC139710
BI_26992.2.S1.at	similar to myeloid translocation, gene-related protein 2 isoform MTG16a	KCNB2
BI_26970.1.A1.at	similar to Phosphatidylinositol 4-kinase type II	LOC523815
BI_26962.2.A1.at	similar to CG1-122 protein	LOC507860
BI_26934.1.A1.at	similar to testis specific protein A14	LOC614351
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BI_26866.2.S1.at	similar to Myosin head domain containing 1	LOC516012
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BI_26859.1.S1.at	Similar to axonemal heavy chain dynein type 3	MGC143068
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BI_26832.1.S1.at	similar to Fetal brain protein 239 (239FB)	LOC518086
BI_26827.2.S1.at	similar to CANT1 protein	KLHL12
BI_26775.1.S1.at	similar to HIR (histone cell cycle regulation defective, <i>S. cerevisiae</i>) homolog	LOC511514
BI_26757.2.A1.a.at	similar to chromosome 20 open reading frame 17	LOC515677
BI_26737.1.S1.at	ubiquitin specific peptidase 52	USP82
BI_26725.1.S1.at	growth factor independent 1B-like protein	LOC537773
BI_26698.1.S1.at	similar to DLNB23	TNF-SF13
BI_26674.1.S1.at	tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily, member 13	LOC517405
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BI_26629.2.A1.a.at	hypothetical LOC617764	MGC139849
BI_26592.2.A1.a.at	similar to F-box protein FBW7	GALGT
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BI_26587.2.S1.at	similar to TBC1 domain family, member 10C	MGC148838
BI_26565.1.S1.at	similar to Histone deacetylase 11 (HD11)	LOC641226
BI_26555.1.S1.at	similar to Zinc finger protein Helios (IKAROS family zinc finger protein 2)	GGTL3
BI_26544.2.S1.at	gamma-glutamyltransferase-like 3	MUS81
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BI_26326.1.A1.at	similar to Mdm2, transformed 313 cell double minute 2, p53 binding protein (mous	LOC617904
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BI_26294.1.A1.at	similar to regulator of G protein signaling RGS12	LOC407169
BI_26259.3.A1.at	similar to zinc finger protein 462	LOC515561
BI_26204.1.A1.at	similar to C18orf17 protein	LOC532895
BI_26180.2.A1.at	caseinase recruitment domain family, member 9	CARD9
BI_26178.1.A1.at	similar to KIAA1206 protein	LOC504294
BI_26128.1.A1.at	similar to TAFA1	LOC782935
BI_26125.1.A1.at	similar to class-I MHC-restricted T cell associated molecule	MGC157183
BI_26101.1.A1.at	glial fibrillary acidic protein	GFAP
BI_26101.1.A1.at	collagen-like tail subunit (single strand of homotrimer) of asymmetric acety/cho	COLQ
BI_26075.1.S1.at	similar to Sorting nexin-11	MGC143176

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BI_26010.1.A1.at	similar to SPA-1 like 3	LOC513825
BI_25968.2.S1.at	similar to WD repeat protein WDR3	LOC514870
BI_25967.2.S1.at	virus-induced signaling adapter	VISA
BI_25961.1.A1.at	similar to lethal giant larvae homolog 2	MGC155119
BI_25947.1.A1.at	Integrin beta 4 binding protein	ITGB4BP
BI_25924.2.S1.at	similar to Family with sequence similarity 64, member A	LOC6160119
BI_25904.1.A1.at	similar to transient receptor potential V1	LOC539374
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BI_25858.1.A1.at	MYBPC1	MYBPC1
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BI_25807.1.S1.at	similar to proto-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase	MGC139931
BI_25794.1.A1.at	similar to PDZ domain containing ring finger 1	LOC783951
BI_25773.2.S1.at	IQ motif containing with AAA domain	IQCA
BI_25732.1.A1.at	hypothetical LOC511175	MGC157237
BI_25702.1.A1.at	transmembrane protein 145	TMEM145
BI_25693.1.S1.at	similar to FLJ00018 protein	LOC504530
BI_25668.2.S1.at	similar to F37C4.6	MGC128628
BI_25648.1.A1.at	signal peptide peptidase-like 2B	SPPL2B
BI_25628.1.A1.at	gila maturation factor, gamma	MNGF
BI_25599.1.A1.at	similar to corticotropin releasing factor binding protein	LOC540087
BI_25582.1.A1.at	Cholinergic receptor, muscarinic 4	CHRM4
BI_25568.1.S1.at	similar to Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) A receptor, delta	MGC148650
BI_25530.1.A1.at	similar to FERM domain containing 5	LOC615161
BI_25510.2.S1.at	hypothetical LOC513740	LOC513740
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BI_25486.1.A1.at	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001071589.1 hypothetical protein LOC76	---
BI_25476.1.S1.at	hypothetical LOC538433	MGC153843
BI_25473.1.A1.at	Similar to Metabotropic glutamate receptor 7 precursor (mGluR7)	LOC5151963
BI_25468.1.S1.a.at	hypothetical protein LOC786286	LOC786286
BI_25447.1.A1.at	similar to receptor protein-tyrosine kinase	LOC538797
BI_25423.1.S1.at	C-C motif chemokine receptor 4	---
BI_25420.1.A1.at	G protein beta subunit-like	LOC408019
BI_25413.1.A1.at	GBL	GBL
BI_25411.1.A1.at	Solute carrier family 17 (sodium-dependent inorganic phosphate cotransporter), m	SLC17A6
BI_25407.1.S1.at	similar to G-protein coupled receptor-associated sorting protein 1 (GASP-1)	LOC507896
BI_25352.1.S1.at	NALP5	NALP5
BI_25351.1.S1.at	ubiquitin-like 7 (bone marrow stromal cell-derived)	UBL7
BI_25278.1.A1.at	Leucine rich repeat and sterile alpha motif containing 1	LRSAM1
BI_25269.1.A1.at	Gyrase cleavage system protein H (aminomethyl carrier)	GCOSH
BI_25266.1.A1.at	fibroblast growth factor 12	FGF12
BI_24965.1.A1.at	THX1	THX1
BI_24963.1.A1.at	Similar to GMP-N-acetylneuraminic acid hydroxylase	LOC537017
BI_24962.1.A1.at	collagen, type XVIII, alpha 1	COL18A1
BI_24875.1.S1.at	myeloid-associated differentiation marker-like	LOC617922
BI_24875.1.S1.at	receptor (chemosensory) transporter protein 4	RTPA4
BI_24861.3.S1.at	similar to syntaxin 1A (brain)	MGC142630
BI_24786.1.S1.at	copine VI (neuronal)	CPNE6
BI_24771.1.A1.at	angiotensin like 2	AMOTL2
BI_24748.1.A1.at	similar to Tubulin polyglutamylation complex subunit 1 (PGst1)	LOC505683
BI_24742.1.S1.at	similar to Armadillo repeat containing 7	MGC143184
BI_24675.1.S1.at	similar to p101 protein	LOC614838
BI_24675.1.S1.at	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_595458.3 PREDICTED: similar to Lip3 p	---
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BI_24663.1.S1.at	carboxypeptidase X	CPXM
BI_24627.2.A1.a.at	similar to GHY-11G domain containing 2	MGC128227
BI_24626.1.S1.at	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S9	MHRP-S9
BI_24605.1.S1.at	similar to gamma-glutamyltransferase-like activity 1	LOC787326
BI_24573.2.S1.at	similar to poly nucleotide kinase-3-phosphatase	MGC143006
BI_24465.1.S1.at	similar to RAI16 protein	LOC507256
BI_24521.2.S1.at	similar to myotubularin related protein 9	LOC539174
BI_24515.1.S1.at	ubiquitin specific peptidase 12	USP12
BI_24473.1.S1.at	hypothetical LOC515758	LOC515758
BI_24445.1.A1.at	similar to sine oculis homeobox homolog 5	LOC513676
BI_24442.3.S1.at	Similar to Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 11	LOC511220
BI_24441.3.S1.at	CDNA clone IMAGE:7956285	---
BI_24428.1.S1.a.at	similar to granulocyte colony stimulating factor receptor 25-1	LOC511511
BI_24399.1.A1.at	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_218506.3 PREDICTED: similar to carboxy	LOC537964
BI_24396.3.A1.at	nucleax (nucleoside diphosphate linked moiety X)-type motif 11	NUDT11
BI_24378.1.S1.at	mitogen-activated protein kinase 8 interacting protein 3	MAPK8IP3
BI_2436.1.A1.at	growth hormone	GH

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Bt_24350.3.S1_at	AL52C1	AL52 C-terminal like
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Bt_24352.1.A1_at	LOC28040	similar to Chain A, Structure Of Mammalian C3 With An Intact Thioester At 3a Res
Bt_24353.1.A1_at	BHMT	betaine-homocysteine methyltransferase
Bt_24356.2.S1_at	MGC137376	hypothetical LOC515507
Bt_24357.1.A1_at	LOC782309	similar to Pleckstrin homology domain containing, family F (with FYVE domain) me
Bt_24361.1.A1_at	F9	coagulation factor IX
Bt_24370.1.A1_at	MGC143302	similar to Interleukin-1 receptor accessory protein precursor (IL-1 receptor acc
Bt_24401.1.A1_at	LOC533796	hypothetical LOC533796
Bt_24420.1.A1_at	LOC533203	Similar to matrix metalloproteinase 19 isoform ras-6
Bt_24431.1.S1_at	OPCML	opioid binding protein/cell adhesion molecule-like
Bt_23987.1.A1_at	EIF3S7	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3, subunit 7 zeta, 66kDa
Bt_23963.1.A1_s_at	SULT2A1	glucuronosyltransferase family, cytosolic, 2A, dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)-preferring
Bt_23872.1.A1_at	MGC128787	Similar to CG3625-PB
Bt_23855.1.A1_at	ALB	Albumin
Bt_23853.3.S1_a_at	FES	feline sarcoma oncogene
Bt_23827.1.A1_at	LOC616400 ///	poly(A) polymerase beta (testis specific) /// similar to Chain A, Crystall Struct
Bt_2381.1.S1_at	PAPOLB	homeobox B7
Bt_23750.1.A1_at	HOXB7	Gap Junction protein, alpha 1, 43kDa
Bt_23732.1.S1_at	GJA1	progestin and adipQ receptor family member VI
Bt_23608.1.S1_s_at	KRT18	keratin 8
Bt_23602.2.A1_at	LOC539205	similar to BRUNO-like 6 RNA-binding protein
Bt_23583.1.S1_at	IL21	interleukin 21
Bt_23565.1.S1_at	LOC533909	hypothetical LOC533909
Bt_23501.2.S1_at	LOC616142	hypothetical protein LOC616142
Bt_23501.1.S1_at	LOC616142	hypothetical protein LOC616142
Bt_23298.1.S1_at	CDC84	coiled-coil domain containing B4
Bt_23246.1.S1_at	CDH5	cadherin 5, type 2, VE-cadherin (vascular epithelium)
Bt_23205.1.S1_s_at	LOC787239	similar to Synaptobrevin-1 (Synaptobrevin 1) (SV2) (p65)
Bt_23174.1.S1_at	MGC127643	similar to CD74 antigen
Bt_23153.1.S1_at	DSSDR2	double substrate-specificity short chain dehydrogenase/reductase 2
Bt_23070.2.A1_at	ORP150	Oxygen regulated protein, 150 kDa
Bt_23070.1.S1_at	LOC586773	similar to Hyon1 protein
Bt_22926.2.S1_at	LOC527819	similar to keratin 4
Bt_22884.1.A1_s_at	GON33	glucosaminyl (N-acetyl) transferase 3, mucin type
Bt_22873.1.S1_at	MYH6	myosin factor 6 (herculin)
Bt_22867.1.A1_at	SPAM1	sperm adhesion molecule 1
Bt_22876.1.A1_at	SOX9	SRY (sex determining region Y)-box, 9 (campomic dysplasia, autosomal sex-revers
Bt_22871.1.S1_at	CACNA1E	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, R type, alpha 1E subunit
Bt_22789.1.S1_at	GRP	gastrin-releasing peptide
Bt_22789.1.S1_at	RAF1	v-raf-1 murine leukemia viral oncogene homolog 1
Bt_22737.3.A1_a_at	GSTA1 ///	glutathione S-transferase A2 /// glutathione S-transferase A1
Bt_22692.2.S1_at	GSTA2	glutathione S-transferase A2
Bt_22662.3.S1_at	IL6R	Interleukin 6 receptor
Bt_22646.2.S1_at	TRAF3IP3	TRAF3 interacting protein 3
Bt_22581.1.A1_at	LOC523809	similar to binding regulatory factor
Bt_22545.1.S1_a_at	MGC148755	Similar to KIAA1959 protein
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Bt_22541.1.A1_at	ARF1 /// ARF3	ADP-ribosylation factor 1 /// ADP-ribosylation factor 3 /// similar to ADP-ribos
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Bt_22440.1.A1_at	LOC615883	similar to SLIT3
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Bt_22277.1.S1_at	LOC538843	similar to LMR5827
Bt_22264.2.A1_a_at	LOC140699	similar to p53-induced protein
Bt_22243.2.S1_at	JOSD1	Josephin domain containing 1
Bt_22221.1.S1_at	LOC406330	similar to fibronectin type III and SPRY domain containing 2
Bt_22180.1.S1_at	LOC507332	similar to DTT R431
Bt_22128.2.S1_at	LOC507361	hypothetical protein LOC507361
Bt_22121.1.S1_at	LOC616136	similar to OTTHUMP0000017061
Bt_22104.1.S1_at	IHH	Indian hedgehog
Bt_22094.2.S1_at	MGC142386	similar to chromosome 9 open reading frame 26 (NF-HEV)
Bt_22048.1.S1_at	LOC515922	similar to KIAA1793 protein
Bt_22197.1.S1_at	PPMTK	protein phosphatase 1K (PP2C domain containing)
Bt_22190.1.S1_at	LOC783725	similar to B-cell differentiation antigen CD72 (Lyb-2)
Bt_22193.2.S1_at	LOC537594	similar to phosphatase and actin regulator 1
Bt_22192.1.S1_at	LOC508142	similar to translocase of outer mitochondrial membrane 34
Bt_22191.1.S1_at	CARS2	cysteinyln-RNA synthetase 2, mitochondrial (putative)
Bt_22190.1.S1_at	MOBK1C	MOB1, Mps One Binder kinase activator-like 2C
Bt_22191.1.S1_at	AKAP3	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 3
Bt_22185.2.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, moderately similar to NP_01086709.1 F-box protein 17 [Bos la

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Bt_21722.1.S1_at	MGC137405	GTPase, INAP family member
Bt_21706.2.A1_at	MGC152081	similar to carboxypeptidase A5
Bt_21655.1.S1_at	FUT2	fucosyltransferase 2 (secretor status included)
Bt_21570.3.A1_at	LOC533096	Similar to CD38L4
Bt_21562.1.S1_a_at	LOC598698	hypothetical LOC598698
Bt_21534.3.S1_a_at	LOC533826	similar to TIP120-family protein TIP120B
Bt_21501.2.S1_a_at	DECNR2	2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 2, peroxisomal
Bt_21486.1.S1_at	CPSF4	cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor 4, 30kDa
Bt_21462.2.S1_at	LOC538384	similar to beta-interferon gene positive-regulatory domain binding factor
Bt_21407.2.S1_at	TNMD	tenomodulin
Bt_21360.1.S1_at	LOC539601	hypothetical LOC539601
Bt_21308.1.A1_at	RAPGEF3	Rap guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 3
Bt_21221.1.S1_at	LOC615744	similar to Lst-1 gene product
Bt_21215.2.S1_at	LOC506721	similar to ALL1 responsive protein ARP1c
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Bt_2114.1.S1_at	SNCB	synuclein, beta
Bt_21126.2.S1_at	PRH	preprolactin-releasing peptide
Bt_2101.1.S1_at	COLEC11	collectin sub-family member 11
Bt_20993.1.S1_at	BSG	basigin
Bt_20921.1.S1_at	LOC507162	Similar to Aqobec3G
Bt_20884.1.S1_at	MGC137881	Similar to RNA-binding protein 5 (RNA-binding motif protein 5) (Putative tumor s
Bt_20867.1.A1_at	RPUSD3	RNA pseudouridylyl synthase domain containing 3
Bt_20860.1.S1_at	LOC520186	similar to centrosomal protein 110kDa
Bt_20828.1.A1_at	LOC617365	similar to Chromosome 14 open reading frame 143
Bt_20795.1.A1_at	PARD6A	par-6 partitioning defective 6 homolog alpha (C. elegans)
Bt_20771.2.S1_at	LOC505771	similar to Pex1p1664P
Bt_20723.1.A1_at	LOC514108	Similar to Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E transporter (eIF4E transp
Bt_20698.1.A1_at	ETAA16	ETAA16 protein
Bt_20655.1.A1_at	LOC539392	similar to programmed death ligand 2
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Bt_20513.1.S1_at	MGC140219	similar to Serine/threonine-protein kinase MARK2 (NAP/microtubule affinity-regul
Bt_20491.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_342578.2 PREDICTED: similar to RIKEN c
Bt_20478.2.S1_at	LOC512021	similar to Rho guanine exchange factor 15
Bt_20471.2.S1_a_at	SHARPIN	SHANK-associated RH domain interactor
Bt_20455.1.S1_at	MAPT	Microtubule-associated protein tau
Bt_20453.1.S1_at	LOC515122	similar to Abhydrolase domain containing 14A
Bt_20431.2.S1_at	MGC140538	similar to Max interacting protein 1
Bt_20392.2.S1_at	LOC514971	similar to cytochrome P450 2S1
Bt_20381.1.S1_at	LOC514971	similar to cytochrome P450 2S1
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Bt_20362.1.S1_at	LOC516567	similar to KIAA0365 protein
Bt_20361.3.S1_at	FBXL2	F-box and leucine-rich repeat protein 2
Bt_20241.1.S1_at	LOC510602 ///	similar to 3-hydroxyanthranilate 3,4-dioxygenase (3-HAO) (3-hydroxyanthranilic a
Bt_20232.1.S1_at	LOC786774	hypothetical LOC511420
Bt_20212.1.S1_at	MGC152565	similar to adenylate cyclase type IV
Bt_20180.1.S1_at	RAB25	RAB25, member RAS oncogene family
Bt_20178.2.S1_at	MGC152142	similar to nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells in
Bt_20120.3.S1_at	MGC511801	Similar to ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2D 4 (putative)
Bt_20092.2.S1_at	MGC140362	similar to Rab GTPase-binding effector protein 2 (Rabaptin-5beta)
Bt_20085.2.S1_a_at	TPPP	tubulin polymerization promoting protein
Bt_20085.2.S1_a_at	LOC510966	hypothetical LOC510966
Bt_20081.1.S1_at	MGC137224	similar to PEI112-like
Bt_20058.1.S1_at	MGC136975	Similar to mitochondrial ribosomal protein L14
Bt_20017.2.S1_a_at	LOC100126544	hypothetical LOC100126544
Bt_20017.1.S1_at	LOC516256	similar to glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein
Bt_19980.1.A1_at	ApoN	ovarian and testicular apolipoprotein N
Bt_19795.2.S1_at	PLA1A	phospholipase A1 member A
Bt_19795.1.S1_at	BREH1	retinyl ester hydrolase type 1
Bt_19789.1.A1_at	TRB@	T cell receptor, beta cluster
Bt_19789.1.A1_at	TRB@	T cell receptor, beta cluster
Bt_19788.1.A1_at	LOC507049	similar to IL-17RE
Bt_19753.1.S1_at	LOC783335	similar to Family with sequence similarity 109, member A
Bt_19717.1.S1_at	LOC785809	heat shock 105kDa/110kDa protein 1
Bt_19629.3.A1_at	HSPH1	HMT1 hnRNP methyltransferase-like 2
Bt_19619.1.A1_at	HMT1	hypothetical LOC618914
Bt_19572.1.S1_at	LOC618914	similar to F-box and leucine-rich repeat protein 11
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Bt.19309.3.A1.at	LOC616742	similar to Ephrin-A5 precursor (EPH-related receptor tyrosine kinase ligand 7) (
Bt.19298.2.S1.a.at	SLC39A3	solute carrier family 39 (zinc transporter) member 3
Bt.19274.1.A1.at	C10TNF7	C1g and tumor necrosis factor related protein 7
Bt.19232.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001071497.1 hypothetical protein LOC554
Bt.19148.1.S1.a.at	KHDRBS1	KH domain containing, RNA binding, signal transduction associated 1
Bt.19141.1.S1.at	IL1A	Interleukin 1, alpha
Bt.19060.1.A1.at	LOC523081	similar to Solute Carrier family 23 (nucleobase transporters), member 3
Bt.19051.1.S1.at	MYL2	myosin, light chain 2, regulatory, cardiac, slow
Bt.19008.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_001028798.1 fibronogen A-alpha chain [Bo
Bt.18927.1.A1.at	KIAA1189	hypothetical protein LOC617274
Bt.18901.1.S1.at	LOC539749	similar to Homeobox protein SIX6 (Sixe oculis homeobox homolog 6) (Optic homeobo
Bt.18864.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001095487.1 tripartite motif-containing
Bt.18861.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_001073967.1 KIAA0368 protein Homo sapie
Bt.18804.2.S1.at	LOC784914	similar to Zinc finger protein 26
Bt.18804.1.S1.at	SVOP	SV2 related protein
Bt.18752.2.S1.at	LOC784914	similar to SET and MYND domain containing protein 2 (HSM-B)
Bt.18735.2.S1.at	ITGB3BP	integrin beta 3 binding protein
Bt.18682.1.A1.at	CS16	cystatin E/M
Bt.18571.2.S1.at	LOC5152295	similar to disks large-associated protein 4
Bt.18522.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_056558.1 nuclear receptor subfamily 4,
Bt.18506.1.S1.at	DLG5	discs, large homolog 5 (Drosophila)
Bt.18487.3.S1.at	LOC340386	hypothetical LOC527134
Bt.18487.1.S1.at	LOC617939	similar to FLJ00248 protein
Bt.18482.1.S1.at	LOC515581	similar to LOC2121874 protein
Bt.18418.1.A1.at	LOC532674	similar to OTTHUMP000016557
Bt.18342.2.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_968810.1 PREDICTED: similar to HECT do
Bt.18200.2.S1.at	LOC506182	similar to Trif receptor-associated factor 3
Bt.18205.1.A1.at	LOC531695	similar to homeodomain protein
Bt.18208.1.S1.at	LOC5152584	similar to TBC1 domain family, member 10C
Bt.18203.1.S1.at	CYP2C87	cyclochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 87
Bt.18169.1.A1.at	LOC504603	similar to 12R-lipoxygenase
Bt.18160.1.A1.at	LOC781707	hypothetical protein LOC781707
Bt.18120.1.A1.at	DDX6	DEAD (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp) box polypeptide 5
Bt.18085.2.A1.at	LOC5157202	Similar to sterol response element binding protein cleavage-activating protein
Bt.17935.1.S1.at	LOC514212	similar to myosin, heavy chain 14
Bt.17792.1.S1.at	LOC506859	similar to KAA11568 protein
Bt.17760.2.S1.at	LOC510185	similar to IL2RB
Bt.17762.2.S1.a.at	LOC509964	hypothetical LOC509964
Bt.17756.2.S1.a.at	LOC616498	similar to piggylac transposable element derived 5
Bt.17742.1.A1.at	LOC507082	Akt substrate AS250
Bt.17737.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_001071249.1 hypothetical protein LOC2838
Bt.17711.1.A1.at	LOC833355	similar to ENACB, amiloride sensitive sodium channel beta subunit
Bt.17673.1.A1.at	LOC788966	similar to HZFW1
Bt.17642.1.A1.at	LOC784036	serum amyloid A4, constitutive
Bt.17537.1.A1.at	SAA4	hypothetical LOC506571
Bt.17520.1.S1.at	LOC506571	KL04 ///
Bt.17482.2.S1.a.at	GABRA2	kinesin light chain 4 /// similar to LOC767885 protein
Bt.17474.1.S1.at	LOC784355	gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) A receptor, alpha 2
Bt.1739.3.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_989430.1 frizzled homolog 4 [Gallus ga
Bt.17332.1.S1.at	LOC613833	similar to mineralocorticoid receptor
Bt.17305.1.A1.at	MGC152365	similar to Fragile X mental retardation 1 neighbor
Bt.17291.1.A1.at	TEX12	Testis expressed 12
Bt.17262.2.S1.at	MGC179414	hypothetical LOC514859
Bt.17222.3.S1.a.at	LOC539270	similar to skeletotrophin
Bt.17167.1.A1.at	ARRB1	Arrestin, beta 1
Bt.17133.1.A1.at	LOC504622	similar to killer cell lectin-like receptor family I member 1
Bt.17109.1.S1.at	MGC143419	Similar to KAA11819 protein
Bt.17078.1.S1.at	LOC516019	similar to semaphorin SEMA6A1
Bt.17059.2.S1.at	LOC618228	similar to nuclear protein with MIF4G domain 1
Bt.17054.2.A1.at	LOC528960	hypothetical LOC528960
Bt.17048.1.S1.at	SPAT1S1	spermatogenesis associated, serine-rich 1
Bt.16964.1.A1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_776378.2 prolactin precursor [Bos tau
Bt.16930.1.A1.at	LOC531942	similar to B-cell lymphoma 3-encoded protein (Protein Bcl-3)
Bt.16903.1.A1.at	XAB2	XPA binding protein 2
Bt.1688.1.A1.at	LOC514669 ///	LOC514669 ///
Bt.16874.1.A1.at	LOC789691	hypothetical LOC514669 ///
Bt.16874.1.A1.at	LOC617120	hypothetical LOC617120
Bt.16822.1.S1.at	MGC157129	similar to KAA0936 protein
Bt.16810.1.S1.at	LOC509616	similar to Wbscr27 protein
Bt.16801.1.A1.at	MGC151542	Similar to COPG2 protein

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Bt.16795.1.A1.at	SPAC6	sperm associated antigen 6
Bt.16789.1.A1.at	MGC137364	similar to Protein C12orf11 (Sarcoma antigen NY-SAR-95)
Bt.16785.1.A1.at	LOC505819	similar to mannan-binding lectin serine protease 2
Bt.16761.1.S1.a.at	LOC614260 ///	LOC614260 ///
Bt.16748.1.A1.at	---	similar to zinc finger protein 75 /// hypothetical protein LOC783192 /// hypothe
Bt.16747.1.A1.at	LOC524776	similar to chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 6
Bt.16745.1.A1.at	CCL28	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 28
Bt.16727.2.S1.at	MGC139174	similar to C11N8 protein
Bt.16719.1.A1.at	LOC510356	similar to Non-receptor tyrosine-protein kinase TNK1 (CD38 negative kinase 1)
Bt.16712.1.A1.at	LOC782368	similar to aquaporin 5
Bt.16632.1.A1.at	LOC613276	hypothetical LOC613276
Bt.16611.1.S1.at	LOC100724517	hypothetical protein LOC100724517
Bt.16596.2.S1.at	MGC165823	similar to leucine-rich repeat domain-containing protein
Bt.16593.1.S1.at	MGC126930	similar to voltage-dependent calcium channel gamma-like subunit (Neuronal voltag
Bt.16590.3.A1.at	MGC139899	similar to leader-binding protein 32
Bt.16532.1.A1.at	LOC509665	similar to DEAH (Asp-Glu-Ala-His) box polypeptide 34
Bt.16498.1.A1.at	LOC615968	similar to chromosome 9 open reading frame 11
Bt.16469.3.S1.at	TRABD	TrAB domain containing
Bt.16390.2.A1.at	---	---
Bt.16362.1.S1.at	LOC512324	similar to CG32732-PA
Bt.16307.1.A1.s.at	MGC140803	similar to Pulmonary surfactant-associated protein B precursor (SP-B) (6 kDa pro
Bt.16279.1.A1.at	MGC148626	Similar to Regulated endocrine specific protein 18 precursor
Bt.16211.2.S1.at	LOC789894	similar to PAP-associated domain-containing protein 5 (Topoisomerase-related fun
Bt.16206.1.A1.at	LOC618234	similar to zinc finger protein 258
Bt.16173.1.A1.at	LOC782597	hypothetical protein LOC782597
Bt.16098.1.S1.at	LOC617882	hypothetical LOC617882
Bt.16057.1.S1.at	MGC159903	hypothetical LOC540019
Bt.16042.1.S1.at	MYH8	myosin, heavy chain 8, skeletal muscle, perinatal
Bt.16004.1.A1.at	PYGM	phosphorylase, glycogen, muscle (McArdle syndrome, glycogen storage disease type
Bt.16003.1.S1.at	DSC1	desmocollin 1
Bt.1602.S1.s.at	IFP2	interferon regulatory factor 2
Bt.15989.1.S1.at	LOC505878	similar to hSOX20 protein
Bt.15966.1.S1.at	GORASP1	Golgi reassembly stacking protein 1, 65kDa
Bt.15930.2.S1.at	KHK	ketohexokinase (nucleokinase)
Bt.15914.2.S1.at	MINACHC	methylenic aciduria (cobalamin deficiency) cblC type, with homocystinuria
Bt.15907.1.A1.at	LOC534944	similar to Pxaat1p
Bt.15827.1.S1.a.at	LOC508510	similar to secretory carrier membrane protein 5
Bt.1567.2.S1.a.at	PMXP2	peroxisomal membrane protein 2, 22kDa
Bt.1559.3.S1.a.at	THAP3	THAP domain containing, apoptosis associated protein 3
Bt.15405.1.A1.at	PRP9	prolactin-related protein IX
Bt.15401.1.S1.at	PAG1B	pregnancy-associated glycoprotein 1
Bt.1536.3.S1.at	LOC506727	similar to nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells in
Bt.14881.1.A1.at	ARG1	arginase, liver
Bt.14637.1.A1.at	CARKL	carbohydrate kinase-like
Bt.14590.1.A1.at	MGC142356	similar to Tyrosine-protein kinase BLK (B lymphocyte kinase) (p55-BLK)
Bt.14576.1.A1.at	LOC515324	similar to Prospero-related homeobox 1
Bt.1412.S1.a.at	BSM	submaxillary mucin 2
Bt.13990.2.S1.at	LOC539598	similar to zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 8
Bt.13945.2.S1.at	MGC151851	similar to HSPC230 /// similar to ATP sulfurylase/APS kinase
Bt.13771.2.S1.at	MGC152529	Similar to CD134 homologue
Bt.13730.2.S1.at	LOC408003	Au2a
Bt.13716.3.S1.at	NFKBIL2	nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor-lik
Bt.13716.2.S1.at	NFKBIL2	nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor-lik
Bt.13699.1.S1.at	LOC508989	hypothetical LOC508989
Bt.13668.1.A1.at	TLC01	TLC domain containing 1
Bt.13663.1.A1.at	LOC510745	similar to ATP-binding cassette transporter G1
Bt.13651.1.S1.at	LOC783908	hypothetical protein LOC783908
Bt.13523.2.A1.at	LOC512638	Similar to RLSS298
Bt.13516.2.S1.at	CRY2L1	crystallin, zeta (quinone reductase) like 1
Bt.13510.1.S1.at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_001013618.1 major histocompatibility c
Bt.13469.1.S1.at	MGC179503	similar to p87 phosphoinositide 3-kinase gamma adapter protein
Bt.13466.2.A1.at	LOC533634	Similar to oxysterol-binding protein-like protein 6
Bt.13265.1.A1.at	MGC166233	similar to plasminogen
Bt.13250.1.S1.at	MGC139913	hypothetical LOC513150
Bt.13205.1.A1.at	MRP535	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S35
Bt.13160.1.S1.at	CEL	carboxyl ester lipase
Bt.13159.1.S1.at	PTPRZ1	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor-type, Z polypeptide 1
Bt.13148.1.A1.at	LOC503620	VEGF-receptor
Bt.13146.1.S1.at	ESR1	estrogen receptor 1

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Bt.13116.1.S1.at	ALDH3	dehydrogenase 3, dimetric NADP+-preferring
Bt.13115.1.S1.at	P2RX7	purinergic receptor P2X, ligand-gated ion channel, 7
Bt.13102.1.A1.at	CACNG2	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, gamma subunit 2
Bt.13090.1.S1.at	MMP15	matrix metalloproteinase 15 (membrane-inserted)
Bt.13087.1.S1.at	CD6	CD6 molecule
Bt.13081.1.A1.at	CYP1A1	cytochrome P450, subfamily 1 (aromatic compound-inducible), polypeptide 1
Bt.13079.1.S2.at	MYO10	myogenic differentiation 1
Bt.13071.2.A1.at	CACNA1A	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, P/Q type, alpha 1A subunit
Bt.13067.1.S1.at	PAPPA	pregnancy-associated plasma protein A
Bt.13057.2.A1.at	CACNA1H	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, Type, alpha 1H subunit
Bt.13057.1.S1.at	LOC789778	similar to low-voltage-activated calcium channel alpha1.3.2 subunit
Bt.13048.1.S1.at	CHRM1	cholinergic receptor, muscarinic 1
Bt.13038.1.A1.at	PGR	progesterone receptor
Bt.13036.2.S1.at	P2RY2	purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 2
Bt.13024.2.S1.at	P2RY2	purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 2
Bt.13024.1.A1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.8.S1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.7.S1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.2.A1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.16.A1.a.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.14.S1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.13003.11.A1.at	TRA@	T cell receptor, alpha
Bt.12894.2.S1.a.at	MGC159470	similar to transcript expressed during hematopoiesis 2
Bt.12823.2.S1.at	VWF	von Willebrand factor
Bt.12818.2.A1.a.at	TSPY	testis-specific protein, Y-encoded
Bt.12818.1.A1.at	TSPY	testis-specific protein, Y-encoded
Bt.12807.1.S1.at	LOC317708	5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) receptor 4
Bt.12807.1.A1.at	LOC317708	5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) receptor 4
Bt.12806.1.S1.at	HR44	HR44 antigen
Bt.12801.1.S1.at	ALOX15B	arachidonate 15-lipoxygenase, type B
Bt.1281.1.S1.at	LOC286848	aceton reductase
Bt.12781.1.S1.at	MYB	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)
Bt.12759.1.S1.at	IGF-IR	insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor
Bt.12750.2.S1.x.at	IGF-1	insulin-like growth factor 1 (somatomedin C)
Bt.12721.1.A1.at	PSCD2	pleckstrin homology, Sec7 and coiled-coil domains 2 (cythesin-2)
Bt.12705.2.S1.at	ACTR8	ARPE actin-related protein 8
Bt.12703.2.S1.at	LOC539882 ///	similar to tubulin, alpha 1 /// similar to THAP domain containing 7
Bt.12697.8768	LOC789768	similar to VTS20631
Bt.12643.1.A1.at	LOC517043	plasmalemma vesicle associated protein
Bt.12641.1.S1.at	PLVAP	Similar to nebulin
Bt.12577.1.A1.at	LOC517987	hypothetical protein LOC782984
Bt.12561.2.S1.at	LOC782984	hypothetical protein LOC782984
Bt.12553.1.S1.at	HP	haptoglobin
Bt.12538.1.S1.at	KCNK2	potassium channel, subfamily K, member 2
Bt.12519.1.S1.at	FMO3	flavin containing monooxygenase 3
Bt.12445.2.S1.at	FSCN1	fascin homolog 1, actin-bundling protein (Strongylocentrotus purpuratus)
Bt.12356.1.S1.at	MGC157300	hypothetical LOC534625
Bt.12330.2.S1.at	CCDC71	coiled-coil domain containing 71
Bt.12296.1.S1.at	ATRN	atractin
Bt.12294.1.S1.at	AMIGO2	amphoterin induced gene 2
Bt.12261.2.S1.a.at	C20orf13	tsaspase 1
Bt.12245.1.S1.at	LOC508513	similar to ubiquitin protein ligase E3C
Bt.12177.1.S1.at	CLDN4	claudin 4
Bt.12142.928	MGC142928	similar to natural killer cell-specific antigen KLIP1
Bt.12105.1.A1.at	LOC539567	similar to Protein phosphatase 1γ (PP2C; domain containing)
Bt.11724.1.A1.at	alpha globin	hemoglobin alpha chain
Bt.11897.3.A1.at	LOC53912	similar to sarcoplasmic reticulum glycoprotein
Bt.11884.1.A1.at	MGC142747	similar to Neurogenic differentiation factor 6 (NeuroD6)
Bt.11666.3.S1.at	MGC157202	similar to steroid response element binding protein cleavage-activating protein
Bt.11660.1.A1.at	LOC788390	similar to naked cuticle-2
Bt.11553.1.A1.at	NEK3	NIMA (never in mitosis gene a)-related kinase 3
Bt.11478.1.A1.at	LOC523124	similar to KIAA2011 protein
Bt.11477.1.A1.at	LOC509540	Hypothetical LOC509540
Bt.11428.1.A1.at	LOC540879	similar to TAK1-like protein
Bt.11352.2.A1.at	MGC127555	similar to Probable rRNA processing protein EBP2 EBNA1 binding protein 2 (Nud)
Bt.11327.1.S1.at	MGC137477	similar to CG 14648-PA
Bt.11301.3.A1.at	MGC146584	Similar to KIAA0843 protein
Bt.11301.1.S1.at	MGC146584	similar to KIAA0843 protein
Bt.11220.2.S1.a.at	RALB	v-ral simian leukemia viral oncogene homolog B
Bt.11212.1.S1.at	LOC781759 ///	vasoactive intestinal peptide /// similar to vasoactive intestinal polypeptide
Bt.11199.1.S1.at	MYO21	myozenin 1
Bt.11171.2.S1.at	FLCN	folliculin

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Bt.11170.2.S1.a.at	TNPO2	Transportin 2 (importin 3, karyopherin beta 2b)
Bt.11097.1.S1.at	LOC525506	similar to ZIP-kinase
Bt.11079.1.A1.at	MGC179327	hypothetical LOC616055
Bt.11078.2.S1.at	MGC148743	similar to aflatoxin B1-aldehyde reductase
Bt.1107.1.S1.at	MGC148626	similar to Regulated endocrine specific protein 18 precursor
Bt.11043.1.S1.a.at	LOC533338	similar to Bcl-2 related proline-rich protein
Bt.11032.2.S1.at	EPB49	erythrocyte membrane protein band 4,9 (dema1n)
Bt.11027.1.A1.at	LOC516232	similar to Zinc finger protein 683
Bt.11015.1.S1.at	LOC539015	similar to LIMBRTL protein
Bt.11005.1.S1.at	SH3BP5L	SH3-binding domain protein 5-like
Bt.10898.1.S1.at	TDE2L	tumor differentially expressed 2-like
Bt.10874.1.S1.at	MGC134253	similar to CG11334-PB
Bt.10844.2.S1.a.at	LOC529829	Similar to Phosphatidylserine synthase 2
Bt.10831.3.A1.at	LOC537017	Similar to CMP-N-acetylneuraminic acid hydroxylase
Bt.10831.1.A1.at	LOC534996	Similar to Tyrosine-protein kinase Lyn
Bt.1068.1.A1.at	MGC143401	similar to myosin binding protein H
Bt.1059.3.S1.a.at	LOC540568	Atp2a2
Bt.1052.2.S1.at	CH25H	cholesterol 25-hydroxylase
Bt.1040.2.S1.at	MGC165889	similar to nucleolar protein 1, 120kDa
Bt.10391.1.S1.at	PSRC1	proline/serine-rich coiled-coil 1
Bt.10281.1.S1.at	TKDP5	trophoblast Kunitz domain protein 5
Bt.1009.1.A1.at	PLD2	Phospholipase D2

APPENDIX 2: COMPLETE LIST OF GENES DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED IN MSCS COMPARED TO CHONDROCYTES

Complete list of genes that were at least 2 fold higher in CH vs MSCs (10% FDR); M28 must not be 2 fold lower than M0 or more than 3 fold higher (no FDR)

Probeset ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
Bt.22987.2.S1_at	PRG4	proteoglycan 4
Bt.22987.2.A1_at	PRG4	proteoglycan 4
Bt.25045.1.S1_at	LOC538287	similar to Teneurin-2 (Ten-2) (Tenascin-M2) (Ten-m2) (Protein Odd Oz/ten-m homol
Bt.13954.1.S1_at	LUZP5	leucine zipper protein 5
Bt.9697.1.A1_at	MGC137543	similar to Alcohol dehydrogenase 6
Bt.594.1.S1_at	LOC286871	uterine milk protein precursor
Bt.10144.1.A1_s_at	MGC142564	similar to T-lymphoma invasion and metastasis inducing protein 1 (TIAM1 protein)
Bt.8797.1.S1_at	MGC139675	similar to Rap1 GTPase-activating protein 1 (Rap1GAP)
Bt.18860.1.A1_at	LOC531875	similar to protocadherin 10
Bt.1969.1.S1_at	CACNA1H	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, T type, alpha 1H subunit
Bt.20262.1.S1_at	MCM4	minichromosome maintenance complex component 4
Bt.5959.1.S1_at	LOC526726	similar to Retinal short chain dehydrogenase reductase
Bt.25345.1.A1_at	LOC781304	hypothetical protein LOC781304
Bt.29264.1.A1_at	LOC522691	hypothetical LOC522691
Bt.25616.1.S1_at	LOC782069	hypothetical protein LOC782069
Bt.24549.1.A1_at	TKTL1	transketolase-like 1
Bt.20617.1.S1_at	BEX5	BEX family member 5
Bt.24181.1.S1_at	LBP	lipopolysaccharide binding protein
Bt.24199.1.A1_s_at	LOC286871	uterine milk protein precursor
Bt.19449.1.A1_at	LOC540081	similar to CAGR1
Bt.10212.1.S1_at	PHLDA1	Pleckstrin homology-like domain, family A, member 1
Bt.14143.1.S1_at	CPE	carboxypeptidase E
Bt.4231.1.S1_at	CHRNE	cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, epsilon
Bt.22389.1.S1_at	LOC617336	similar to WGAR9166
Bt.23857.1.A1_at	MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166
Bt.16861.2.S1_at	LOC515128	hypothetical LOC515128
Bt.7447.1.A1_at	B3GALT2	UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2
Bt.4105.2.A1_at	MGC143272	similar to putative GPCR interacting protein GIP
Bt.21547.1.A1_at	MGC140246	similar to plakophilin 2a
Bt.11130.1.S1_at	DNMT1	DNA (cytosine-5-)methyltransferase 1
Bt.2933.1.S1_at	LOC788205	hypothetical protein LOC788205
Bt.27202.1.A1_at	SOSTDC1	sclerostin domain containing 1
Bt.19482.1.A1_at	LOC504698	similar to transferrin receptor
Bt.13181.2.S2_at	LOC788252	similar to latrophilin-1
Bt.1115.1.S1_at	LOC533323	similar to cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase
Bt.8091.1.S1_at	LOC527837	similar to hematopoietic progenitor protein
Bt.6056.1.S1_at	LOC615408	similar to septin 5
Bt.9300.1.A1_at	LOC519626	similar to opioid growth factor receptor-like 1
Bt.24902.1.S1_at	LOC540358	similar to 5T4 oncofoetal antigen
Bt.858.1.S1_at	LOC517007	similar to CTF18, chromosome transmission fidelity factor 18 homolog (S. cerevis
Bt.17935.1.S1_at	LOC514212	similar to myosin, heavy chain 14
Bt.29026.1.A1_at	LOC507682	similar to Bone morphogenetic protein 5 precursor (BMP-5)
Bt.7677.1.S1_at	TMEM59L	transmembrane protein 59-like
Bt.25052.1.S1_at	LOC539360	similar to calpain 6
Bt.12599.1.S1_at	LOC507133	similar to type VII collagen
Bt.16886.1.A1_a_at	MGC157096	similar to DNA polymerase epsilon small subunit

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Bt.16087.1.S1_at	MGC159943	similar to nidogen-2
Bt.12936.1.S1_at	CATHL5	cathelicidin 5
Bt.13870.1.A1_at	LOC508668	similar to probable dual-specificity Ser/Thr/Tyr kinase
Bt.11057.1.S1_at	LOC781091	hypothetical protein LOC781091
Bt.9789.1.S1_at	mash2	achaete-scute complex-like protein 2 /// achaete scute-like protein 2
Bt.7208.1.S1_at	ZP2	zona pellucida glycoprotein 2 (sperm receptor)
Bt.14207.1.S1_at	GCAT	glycine C-acetyltransferase (2-amino-3-ketobutyrate coenzyme A ligase)
Bt.19372.1.A1_at	LOC527979	similar to leucine rich repeat containing 6 (testis)
Bt.8743.1.S1_at	LOC506194	similar to ERIC1
Bt.1676.1.A1_at	MGC140394	similar to SIGIRR
Bt.16094.1.S1_at	LOC509106	similar to enhancer of zeste homolog 2
Bt.5445.2.A1_at	TUBB	tubulin, beta
Bt.17697.1.A1_at	MGC159632	hypothetical LOC538280
Bt.18280.1.S1_at	SPON2	spondin 2, extracellular matrix protein
Bt.22699.1.S1_at	NFIA	nuclear factor I/A
Bt.24523.1.S1_at	MGC148435	similar to Septin 1
Bt.1818.1.S1_at	LOC514360	similar to desmoplakin isoform II
Bt.21924.1.A1_at	LOC535975	similar to dermatan/chondroitin sulfate 2-sulfotransferase
Bt.20883.1.S1_at	ANG	angiogenin, ribonuclease, RNase A family, 5
Bt.7251.1.S1_at	B3GALT2	UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2
Bt.23857.2.S1_at	MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166
Bt.13689.1.A1_at	LOC504531	similar to phosphoinositide 3-kinase
Bt.5578.1.S1_at	FLJ40629	hypothetical protein LOC507498
Bt.11030.1.S1_at	LOC514557	similar to OAF homolog (Drosophila)
Bt.27356.1.S1_at	MGC152577	similar to Chromatin assembly factor 1, subunit A (p150)
Bt.26125.1.A1_at	GFAP	glial fibrillary acidic protein
Bt.21355.1.S1_at	LOC789363	similar to Neuronal pentraxin II
Bt.6004.1.S1_at	LOC507012	similar to TACC1
Bt.9194.1.S1_at	LOC534230	similar to microtubule associated serine/threonine kinase 2
Bt.5027.1.A1_at	PEG3	paternally expressed 3
Bt.15927.1.S1_at	MGC159964	similar to WD repeat domain, phosphoinositide interacting 1
Bt.176.1.S1_at	GAL	galanin
Bt.6728.1.A1_at	Ndn	necdin
Bt.16861.1.A1_at	LOC515128	hypothetical LOC515128
Bt.2327.1.S1_at	PPP2R5B	protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B', beta isoform
Bt.27361.1.A1_at	LOC789154	similar to decoy receptor 3
Bt.28710.2.A1_a_at	MGC139457	similar to ALK-1
Bt.4060.1.S1_at	LOC782642 /// MAL	mal, T-cell differentiation protein /// similar to Mal, T-cell differentiation p
Bt.27401.1.A1_at	RNF128	ring finger protein 128
Bt.15730.1.S1_at	LOC533161	similar to Kinesin family member 2C
Bt.8872.1.S2_at	ATP2B1	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, plasma membrane 1
Bt.16838.2.A1_at	LOC512905	Similar to CDNA sequence BC085284
Bt.28269.1.S1_at	MGC143367	similar to TC10-like Rho GTPase
Bt.11129.1.S1_at	MCM3	minichromosome maintenance complex component 3
Bt.4412.1.S1_at	LOC511619	similar to conductin
Bt.17928.1.A1_at	LOC532126	similar to transmembrane protein 16A
Bt.6796.1.A1_at	MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166
Bt.17928.2.A1_at	LOC532126	similar to transmembrane protein 16A
Bt.9593.1.S1_at	LOC533151	similar to multidrug resistance-associated protein 3
Bt.14398.1.S1_at	MGC127772	similar to phosphatidylethanolamine-binding protein 4
Bt.26692.1.S1_a_at	BNIP3	BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa interacting protein 3
Bt.12403.1.S1_at	MGC137880	similar to p76RBE protein
Bt.18484.1.A1_at	NT5DC1	5'-nucleotidase domain containing 1

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Bt.15675.1.S1_at	ADAMTS4	ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 4
Bt.958.2.S1_at	TNFAIP6	tumor necrosis factor, alpha-induced protein 6
Bt.27778.1.A1_at	MGC142820	similar to BMP-binding endothelial regulator precursor protein
Bt.2786.1.S1_at	MGC139603	hypothetical LOC509055
Bt.8220.3.S1_at	LOC507012	similar to TACC1
Bt.10898.1.S1_at	TDE2L	tumor differentially expressed 2-like
Bt.3206.1.A1_at	SUSD2	sushi domain containing 2
Bt.20478.1.S1_at	LOC512021	similar to Rho guanine exchange factor 15
Bt.21037.1.S1_at	MGC157143	similar to Transcription factor 7 (T-cell specific, HMG-box)
Bt.24288.1.A1_at	LOC513059	similar to ATP(GTP)-binding protein
Bt.18478.2.A1_at	LOC784124	hypothetical protein LOC784124
Bt.21999.1.S1_at	LOC533248	similar to Hook-related protein 1
Bt.24859.2.S1_at	MGC140467	similar to oncostatin-M specific receptor beta subunit
Bt.25236.1.A1_at	LOC786844	similar to adican
Bt.3046.1.S1_at	SNAI1	snail homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.997.1.S1_at	CYB5R1	cytochrome b5 reductase 1
Bt.9206.1.S1_at	LOC527641	hypothetical LOC527641
Bt.26852.1.S1_at	MGC143166	similar to Fetal brain protein 239 (239FB)
Bt.12912.1.S1_at	COL4A1	collagen, type IV, alpha 1
Bt.10852.1.S1_at	MGC142936	similar to DNA damage binding protein 2 (Damage-specific DNA binding protein 2)
Bt.13336.1.A1_at	SMC4	Structural maintenance of chromosomes 4
Bt.5538.1.S1_at	UGDH	UDP-glucose dehydrogenase
Bt.25390.1.A1_at	MGC138090	similar to leukemogenic homolog protein
Bt.6544.1.S1_at	MGC151756	similar to small trans-membrane and glycosylated protein
Bt.4703.1.S1_at	MYOC	myocilin, trabecular meshwork inducible glucocorticoid response
Bt.1402.2.S1_at	GNAO1	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha activating activity polypeptide
Bt.1151.1.S1_at	CRABP2	cellular retinoic acid binding protein 2
Bt.25870.1.S1_at	MGC134617	similar to Histone-lysine N-methyltransferase, H3 lysine-9 specific 1 (Histone H3 methyltransferase 1)
Bt.21037.2.S1_at	MGC157143	similar to Transcription factor 7 (T-cell specific, HMG-box)
Bt.28296.1.A1_at	IL16	Interleukin 16
Bt.5618.1.A1_at	LOC516395	similar to KIAA0868 protein
Bt.26151.1.A1_at	LOC539328	similar to Protein 7 transactivated by hepatitis B virus X antigen (HBxAg)
Bt.7418.1.S1_at	MGC166183	similar to KIAA1581 protein
Bt.1730.2.A1_at	ID1	Inhibitor of DNA binding 1, dominant negative helix-loop-helix protein
Bt.19509.1.A1_at	LOC505588	Similar to cordon-bleu homolog (mouse)
Bt.9202.1.S1_at	FGL2	fibrinogen-like 2
Bt.11436.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_947682.1 PREDICTED: similar to SH3 domain
Bt.23216.1.S1_at	ENPP2	ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase 2 (autotaxin)
Bt.13376.1.S1_at	DHRS1	dehydrogenase/reductase (SDR family) member 1
Bt.19790.1.A1_at	TRIM22	tripartite motif-containing 22
Bt.27221.1.S1_at	LOC535872	similar to X-linked PEST-containing transporter
Bt.4318.1.S1_a_at	MGC151532	hypothetical LOC513195
Bt.15740.1.A1_at	LOC534629	similar to tumor protein D52-like 1
Bt.800.1.S1_at	MAPK13	mitogen-activated protein kinase 13
Bt.11420.1.A1_at	P4HA3	procollagen-proline, 2-oxoglutarate 4-dioxygenase (proline 4-hydroxylase), alpha
Bt.28287.1.S1_at	MGC148296	similar to UNC93A protein
Bt.12654.1.S1_at	MGC155116	similar to EGF-like, fibronectin type III and laminin G domains
Bt.28346.1.A1_at	BRRN1	barren homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.4285.1.S1_at	CD14	CD14 molecule
Bt.24915.1.A1_at	CNTNAP3	contactin associated protein-like 3
Bt.24446.1.A1_at	LOC506636	similar to Sema domain, seven thrombospondin repeats (type 1 and type 1-like), type 1
Bt.26865.1.S1_at	MYOHD1	Myosin head domain containing 1
Bt.23504.1.A1_at	LOC533264	similar to sulfatase 2

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Bt.4886.1.A1_at	LRRC17	leucine rich repeat containing 17
Bt.9997.1.S1_at	LOC511958	similar to KIAA0056 protein
Bt.25730.1.S1_at	CDC45L	CDC45 cell division cycle 45-like (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.16141.1.S1_at	CCNE2	cyclin E2
Bt.12885.1.S1_at	LOC790609 /// MGC127073	hypothetical protein MGC127073 /// similar to aminoacylase-1
Bt.10007.1.A1_at	MGC148979	Similar to LB1
Bt.17810.1.S1_a_at	RBP1	retinol binding protein 1, cellular
Bt.4154.1.S1_at	LOC522613	similar to kinase Myt1
Bt.561.1.S1_at	MAP2K6	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 6
Bt.8775.1.S1_at	AP1B1	adaptor-related protein complex 1, beta 1 subunit
Bt.8872.1.S1_at	ATP2B1	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, plasma membrane 1
Bt.22854.2.S1_at	FASN	fatty acid synthase
Bt.21852.1.S1_at	MGC151581	similar to CDNA sequence BC011487
Bt.12315.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_587714.3 PREDICTED: similar to TGF-beta
Bt.10169.1.S1_at	LOC614166	hypothetical LOC614166
Bt.1112.1.S1_at	LOC618204	similar to Sodium channel beta-1 subunit precursor
Bt.793.1.S1_at	MGC128730	similar to ribosomal protein S6 kinase-like 1
Bt.7603.1.S1_at	PLK1	polo-like kinase 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.23094.1.A1_at	AKR1C1	aldo-keto reductase family 1, member C1 (dihydrodiol dehydrogenase 1; 20-alpha (
Bt.16556.1.A1_at	LOC527595	Similar to MCM10 homolog
Bt.25265.1.A1_at	MGC142770	similar to CG7568-PA
Bt.27940.1.A1_at	RHBG	Rh family, B glycoprotein
Bt.16309.1.S1_at	LOC510369	similar to hypoxanthine phosphoribosyltransferase 1
Bt.13912.2.A1_at	LOC540357	Similar to carbohydrate (N-acetylglucosamine 6-O) sulfotransferase 7
Bt.6021.1.S1_at	DKFZP586H2123	regeneration associated muscle protease
Bt.29563.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_622559.3 PREDICTED: similar to Adenoma
Bt.27849.2.S1_a_at	LOC506353	similar to KIAA0166
Bt.18009.1.A1_at	C8orf13	chromosome 8 open reading frame 13
Bt.3051.1.S1_at	PHLDA1	Pleckstrin homology-like domain, family A, member 1
Bt.303.1.S1_at	P2RY1	purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 1
Bt.21648.1.S1_a_at	CIDEB	cell death-inducing DFFA-like effector b
Bt.12722.1.A1_at	LOC616089	similar to PDZ domain containing 6
Bt.6509.1.S1_at	LOC511043	similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit
Bt.20160.1.A1_at	PAH	phenylalanine hydroxylase
Bt.27248.1.A1_at	MMP16	matrix metalloproteinase 16 (membrane-inserted)
Bt.10169.2.S1_at	LOC614166	hypothetical LOC614166
Bt.22366.1.S1_at	TROAP	trophinin associated protein (tastin)
Bt.14369.1.A1_at	MGC160008	hypothetical LOC511195
Bt.15733.1.A1_at	LOC510012	similar to SCL/TAL1 interrupting locus
Bt.12498.1.A1_at	LOC530657	similar to alpha 3 type VI collagen isoform 5 precursor
Bt.13880.2.S1_at	LOC504445	similar to Dickkopf-1 (hdck-1)
Bt.25082.1.A1_at	LOC514345	Similar to mucolipin-3
Bt.24859.1.A1_at	MGC140467	similar to oncostatin-M specific receptor beta subunit
Bt.24288.2.S1_at	LOC513059	similar to ATP(GTP)-binding protein
Bt.24200.1.S1_at	LOC787049	similar to FAM122B protein
Bt.22459.1.S1_at	LOC785319	similar to Neural cell adhesion molecule 1, 180 kDa isoform precursor (N-CAM 180
Bt.24447.2.S1_at	F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2
Bt.26788.1.S1_at	LOC535329	hypothetical LOC535329
Bt.16495.1.A1_at	LOC511602	similar to alpha-5 type IV collagen
Bt.9412.3.S1_at	LOC781493	similar to collagen, type XIV, alpha 1
Bt.25834.1.A1_at	MELK	maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase
Bt.27531.1.A1_at	LOC787969	similar to cancer susceptibility candidate 5

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Bt.11040.1.S1_at	LOC785319	similar to Neural cell adhesion molecule 1, 180 kDa isoform precursor (N-CAM 180
Bt.28603.1.A1_at	LOC512154	similar to PAS-kinase
Bt.20401.1.A1_at	TMC4	transmembrane channel-like 4
Bt.17579.1.A1_at	LRRN1	leucine rich repeat neuronal 1
Bt.24830.1.A1_at	ITIH5	Inter-alpha (globulin) inhibitor H5
Bt.5922.1.S1_at	HOMER2	homer homolog 2 (Drosophila)
Bt.27063.1.A1_at	PDE9A	phosphodiesterase 9A
Bt.15707.1.S1_at	ITGA5	integrin, alpha 5 (fibronectin receptor, alpha polypeptide)
Bt.10343.1.A1_at	PALMD	palmelphin
Bt.13468.1.S1_at	LOC535603	similar to type III adenylyl cyclase
Bt.9605.1.S1_at	ms4A8B	membrane spanning 4-domain subfamily A member 8B
Bt.28346.2.S1_a_at	BRRN1	barren homolog 1 (Drosophila)
Bt.2172.1.S1_at	LOC510736	similar to HEPH
Bt.20272.1.S1_at	MGC143103	hypothetical LOC538515
Bt.5055.1.S1_at	MGC128881	similar to solute carrier family 22 (organic cation transporter), member 17
Bt.7357.1.A1_at	LOC528939	hypothetical LOC528939
Bt.22987.1.S1_at	PRG4	proteoglycan 4
Bt.22987.1.A1_at	LOC507869	similar to Tpr
Bt.6054.1.S1_at	MGC143138	similar to claudin-like protein 24
Bt.4105.1.S1_at	MGC143272	similar to putative GPCR interacting protein GIP
Bt.4804.1.S1_at	CDKN1C	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1C
Bt.27460.1.A1_at	LOC538665	similar to MAGEL2 protein
Bt.22812.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to XP_983710.1 PREDICTED: similar to Ras-rel
Bt.24555.1.S1_at	LOC528253	similar to jumonji, AT rich interactive domain 2 protein
Bt.3736.1.A1_at	---	CDNA clone IMAGE:8141299
Bt.26111.1.A1_at	KIAA1549	hypothetical protein LOC512679
Bt.13435.1.A1_at	LOC539445	similar to serine/threonine protein kinase MASK
Bt.19891.1.A1_at	LOC512164	similar to inter-alpha-trypsin inhibitor heavy chain2
Bt.22149.1.S1_at	LOC614841	hypothetical protein LOC614841
Bt.29677.1.S1_at	OPTC	opticin
Bt.9487.1.S1_at	LOC616969	Rho-guanine nucleotide exchange factor
Bt.6958.1.A1_at	BNIP3	BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa interacting protein 3
Bt.11017.1.S1_at	LOC540504	similar to Nesprin-2 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 2) (Syne-2) (Syna
Bt.115.1.S1_at	DDC	dopa decarboxylase (aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase)
Bt.22165.1.S1_at	MGC137948	similar to KIAA1914 protein
Bt.3194.1.S1_at	LOC511594	similar to cell adhesion molecule JCAM
Bt.25305.1.A1_at	LOC790079	hypothetical protein LOC790079
Bt.958.1.A1_at	TNFAIP6	tumor necrosis factor, alpha-induced protein 6
Bt.1229.1.S1_at	APOA1	apolipoprotein A-I
Bt.1730.1.A1_at	ID1	inhibitor of DNA binding 1, dominant negative helix-loop-helix protein
Bt.12177.1.S1_at	CLDN4	claudin 4
Bt.5951.1.S1_at	LOC512922	similar to SplA/ryanodine receptor domain and SOCS box containing 4
Bt.12147.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_002630.1 serine (or cysteine) proteina
Bt.8825.1.S1_at	MGC142803	similar to Dynamin-2 (Dynamin UDNM)
Bt.28799.1.S1_at	LOC615798	similar to cAMP-dependent protein kinase inhibitor beta
Bt.23360.1.S1_at	LOC399559	nicotinate phosphoribosyltransferase-like
Bt.21648.1.S1_at	CIDEB	cell death-inducing DFFA-like effector b
Bt.4216.1.S1_at	PGF	placental growth factor, vascular endothelial growth factor-related protein

Complete list of genes that were at least 2 fold lower in CH vs MSCs (10% FDR); M28 must not be 2 fold lower than M0 or more than 3 fold higher (no FDR)

Probeset ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
Bt.27560.1.A1_at	LOC534432	hypothetical LOC534432
Bt.18420.2.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.19423.2.S1_at	ABCA1	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family A (ABC1), member 1
Bt.2849.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.20027.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.23597.1.S1_at	MGC128797	similar to Nuclear protein 1 (Protein p8) (Candidate of metastasis 1)
Bt.28387.1.S1_at	LOC784334	hypothetical protein LOC784334
Bt.3191.1.A1_at	LOC533510	similar to DRE1 protein similar to Procollagen C-endopeptidase enhancer 2 precursor (Procollagen COOH-te
Bt.3804.1.S1_at	LOC513618	
Bt.9519.1.S1_at	SESN2	sestrin 2
Bt.20501.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.26402.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.11001.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.27004.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.27834.1.A1_at	MGC137817	similar to CG7139-PA
Bt.27807.1.A1_at	LOC782359	similar to PUMA/JFY1 protein
Bt.26303.1.A1_at	NEIL2	nei like 2 (E. coli)
Bt.9519.3.S1_at	SESN2	sestrin 2
Bt.13906.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus, strongly similar to NP_542763.1 sulfiredoxin 1 homolog [Homo
Bt.17355.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.27864.1.S1_at	TPD52	tumor protein D52
Bt.12179.1.S1_at	LOC518469	similar to RP5-1022P6.2
Bt.21229.1.S1_at	MGC151593	similar to ST7L
Bt.20588.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.16761.1.S1_at	LOC614260	similar to zinc finger protein 75
Bt.3447.2.S1_at	LOC509885	similar to isoleucyl-tRNA synthetase
Bt.24718.1.S1_at	MGC148411	similar to LETM1 domain containing 1
Bt.10098.1.S1_at	TSPAN13	tetraspanin 13
Bt.9828.1.S2_at	HINT3	histidine triad nucleotide binding protein 3
Bt.2416.1.S1_at	TEGT	testis enhanced gene transcript (BAX inhibitor 1)
Bt.11301.1.S1_at	MGC148584	similar to KIAA0843 protein
Bt.25218.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.24386.1.A1_at	MGC159798 LOC613578 ///	similar to UTP18, small subunit (SSU) processome component, homolog (yeast)
Bt.28725.1.A1_at	LOC790548	similar to UBX domain containing 4 /// hypothetical protein LOC790548
Bt.28163.1.S1_at	LOC514132	hypothetical LOC514132
Bt.1205.2.S1_at	ELP2	elongation protein 2 homolog (S. cerevisiae)
Bt.29464.1.A1_at	LOC614047	hypothetical protein LOC614047
Bt.1801.2.S1_a_at	TSPAN31	tetraspanin 31
Bt.6063.1.S1_at	LOC784459	similar to Heat shock 70kDa protein 9B (mortalin-2)
Bt.1185.2.S1_at	MGC148910	hypothetical LOC515777
Bt.21177.1.A1_s_at	LOC511229	similar to CARD8 protein
Bt.20613.1.A1_at	BCAR3	Breast cancer anti-estrogen resistance 3
Bt.17731.1.A1_at	MGC148584	Similar to KIAA0843 protein
Bt.2589.1.S1_at	UTP14C	UTP14, U3 small nucleolar ribonucleoprotein, homolog C (yeast)
Bt.20918.1.A1_at	LOC512082	similar to HGFL protein
Bt.25953.1.A1_at	PAX6	Paired box 6
Bt.26339.1.A1_at	EYA2	eyes absent homolog 2 (Drosophila)
Bt.17725.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.26379.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.26100.2.A1_at	GDPD1	glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase domain containing 1
Bt.17272.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.4345.1.S1_at	TNFRSF6	apoptosis (APO-1) antigen 1 (FAS), member 6

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Bt.20105.2.S1_at	TAX1BP1	Tax1 (human T-cell leukemia virus type I) binding protein 1
Bt.19945.1.A1_at	LOC616344 100125581 /// LOC614260 ///	hypothetical LOC616344
Bt.16761.1.S1_a_at	LOC783192	similar to zinc finger protein 75 /// hypothetical protein LOC783192 /// hypothe
Bt.10101.1.S1_at	MGC139044	Similar to WD repeat- and FYVE domain-containing protein 2
Bt.24984.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.3454.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.1985.1.S1_at	MGC140251	similar to Protein SYS1 homolog
Bt.2587.2.S1_a_at	MGC140701	similar to Fumarate hydratase, mitochondrial precursor (Fumarase)
Bt.18835.1.S1_at	CARS	cysteinyl-tRNA synthetase
Bt.5302.1.S1_a_at	MRV11 LOC532072 ///	murine retrovirus integration site 1 homolog
Bt.16262.1.S1_at	LOC784584	similar to kinase A anchor protein /// hypothetical protein LOC784584
Bt.21051.1.S1_at	MGC137630	similar to mitochondrial ribosomal protein L50
Bt.19945.2.A1_at	LOC616344	hypothetical LOC616344
Bt.2187.1.S1_at	HKE6	hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 8
Bt.10101.2.S1_at	MGC139044	Similar to WD repeat- and FYVE domain-containing protein 2
Bt.25099.1.A1_at	PSPH	phosphoserine phosphatase
Bt.9072.1.S1_at	SCYE1	small inducible cytokine subfamily E, member 1 (endothelial monocyte-activating)
Bt.22494.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.4462.1.S1_at	MGC140564	similar to Type-1 angiotensin II receptor-associated protein (AT1 receptor-assoc
Bt.13313.2.S1_at	LOC525346	similar to nuclear receptor coactivator-1
Bt.27655.1.S1_at	LOC534112	similar to connector enhancer of KSR2A
Bt.27130.1.S1_at	SCCPDH	saccharopine dehydrogenase (putative)
Bt.3458.2.S1_at	EIF2S2	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2, subunit 2 beta, 38kDa
Bt.17499.1.A1_at	LOC524684	similar to subtilisin-like proprotein convertase (EC 3.4.21.-) PACE4
Bt.16018.1.S2_at	CASP4	caspase 4, apoptosis-related cysteine peptidase
Bt.5296.1.S1_at	SQRDL	sulfide quinone reductase-like (yeast)
Bt.20382.1.S1_at	MGC152539	similar to ankyrin repeat domain 29
Bt.9287.1.S1_at	LOC100124511	Hypothetical protein LOC100124511
Bt.16464.1.A1_at	LOC784987	hypothetical protein LOC784987
Bt.19366.1.A1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.16018.1.S1_a_at	CASP4	caspase 4, apoptosis-related cysteine peptidase
Bt.4767.1.S3_at	CHS1	lysosomal trafficking regulator
Bt.13224.1.A1_at	MGC127339	similar to cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily v, polypeptide 2
Bt.5478.1.S1_at	CACNB3	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, beta 3 subunit
Bt.23734.1.A1_at	LOC532789	similar to PAWR
Bt.8290.1.S1_at	LOC507982	similar to WDSUB1 protein
Bt.4655.1.S1_at	MSRA	methionine sulfoxide reductase A
Bt.21424.1.A1_at	MGC139607	similar to receptor Pit2
Bt.2674.1.A1_at	MEIS2	Meis homeobox 2
Bt.21050.1.S1_at	LOC506520	similar to WNK lysine deficient protein kinase 2
Bt.7938.1.S1_at	CTSS	cathepsin S
Bt.4767.1.S2_at	CHS1	lysosomal trafficking regulator
Bt.22282.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.27966.1.S1_at	LOC532789 LOC507856 ///	similar to PAWR
Bt.26846.1.A1_at	MGC166388	similar to La ribonucleoprotein domain family, member 6
Bt.1938.2.S1_at	LOC784005	similar to Chromosome 10 open reading frame 72
Bt.27082.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.16118.1.S1_at	LOC504309	similar to C-type lectin domain family 2, member h
Bt.234.1.S1_at	IL18	interleukin 18 (interferon-gamma-inducing factor)
Bt.12294.2.A1_at	AMIGO2	amphoterin induced gene 2
Bt.4474.1.S1_at	LOC507590	similar to Protein C20orf35 (HSMNP1)
Bt.10111.1.S1_at	---	Transcribed locus
Bt.786.1.S1_a_at	MGC151829	similar to Leiomodulin 1 (smooth muscle)
Bt.196.1.S1_at	S100A13	8KDa amlexanox-binding protein

Probeset ID	Gene Symbol	Gene Title
Bt.22081.1.S1_at	LMO7	LIM domain 7
Bt.16194.1.A1_at	KLHL13	kelch-like 13
Bt.12294.1.S1_at	AMIGO2	amphoterin induced gene 2
Bt.28956.1.A1_at	MGC142528	hypothetical LOC538579
Bt.22409.1.S1_at	LOC540050	similar to KIAA0417
Bt.2114.1.S1_at	---	CDNA clone IMAGE:8220921
Bt.26051.1.A1_at	LOC521326	similar to OTTHUMP00000065631

APPENDIX 3: COMPLETE LIST OF MECHANICALLY SENSITIVE GENES MIS-REGULATED IN MSCS COMPARED TO CHONDROCYTES

Complete list of genes that were improved by dynamic compression (>2-fold) and were previously identified as under-expressed in day 0 and day 28 MSCs (>3-fold) compared to day 28 chondrocytes.

Gene Symbol	Gene Title	Fold Change (C28 v M0)	Fold Change (C28 v M28)	Fold Change (DL v CM+)
PPP1R3C	protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 3C	3	3	2
BLA-DQB	MHC class II antigen	4	3	2
ECSOD	extracellular superoxide dismutase	5	3	3
CATHL5	cathelicidin 5	4	3	13
NFIA	nuclear factor I/A	4	3	8
RHBG	Rh family, B glycoprotein	3	3	3
LOC511958	similar to KIAA0056 protein	3	3	10
LOC506412 /// LOC616035 /// LOC618238 /// SAA3	serum amyloid A 3 /// serum amyloid A-like /// hypothetical LOC616035 /// simila	4	3	28
LOC533151	similar to multidrug resistance-associated protein 3	4	3	3
LOC504531	similar to phosphoinositide 3-kinase	5	3	3
LOC790079	hypothetical protein LOC790079	8	3	4
LOC505588	Similar to cordon-bleu homolog (mouse)	5	4	4
LOC539146	similar to G protein-coupled receptor	12	4	2
SLC27A3	solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 3	6	4	26
LOC614166	hypothetical LOC614166	4	4	2
LOC615798	similar to cAMP-dependent protein kinase inhibitor beta	10	4	2
DAX-1	orphan nuclear receptor DAX-1	3	4	2
LOC504445	similar to Dickkopf-1 (hdck-1)	21	4	2
MGC142803	similar to Dynamin-2 (Dynamin UDNM)	11	4	3
LOC540358	similar to 5T4 oncofoetal antigen	7	4	3
MMP16	matrix metalloproteinase 16 (membrane-inserted)	4	4	2
LOC509824	similar to Os08g0528700	10	4	19
MGC157143	similar to Transcription factor 7 (T-cell specific, HMG-box)	3	5	8
LOC785319	similar to Neural cell adhesion molecule 1, 180 kDa isoform precursor (N-CAM 180	5	5	5
SNAI1	snail homolog 1 (Drosophila)	5	5	81
LOC511043	similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit	4	5	8
B3GALT2	UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2	7	5	20
LOC504698	similar to transferrin receptor	4	6	6
LOC539328	similar to Protein 7 transactivated by hepatitis B virus X antigen (HBxAg)	11	6	7
LOC506636	similar to Sema domain, seven thrombospondin repeats (type 1 and type 1-like), t	7	6	2
MGC152519	similar to Uridine phosphorylase 1	19	6	2
ADAMTS4	ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 4	6	6	16
LOC510012	similar to SCL/TAL1 interrupting locus	4	6	16
TMEM59L	transmembrane protein 59-like	10	6	12
PEG3	paternally expressed 3	9	6	2
CA13	carbonic anhydrase XIII	7	6	2
LOC532126	similar to transmembrane protein 16A	10	7	6
BRCA1	Breast cancer 1, early onset	3	7	7

Gene Symbol	Gene Title	Fold Change (C28 v M0)	Fold Change (C28 v M28)	Fold Change (DL v CM+)
MGC148382	similar to kinesin family member 23	3	7	3
LOC404111	epidermal keratin VII	11	8	13
F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2	9	8	7
LOC511043	Similar to laminin 5 gamma 2 subunit	6	8	4
LOC522691	hypothetical LOC522691	12	8	8
LOC513643	similar to Forkhead box protein M1 (Forkhead-related protein FKHL16) (Hepatocyte	4	8	19
CIDEB	cell death-inducing DFFA-like effector b	18	8	5
MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166	9	9	3
LOC781892 /// METTL7A	methyltransferase like 7A /// hypothetical protein LOC781892	6	9	4
ms4A8B	membrane spanning 4-domain subfamily A member 8B	5	9	3
LOC511594	similar to cell adhesion molecule JCAM UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2	26	9	72
B3GALT2		9	10	3
LOC515301	similar to Cdc6-related protein	3	10	8
LOC533359	similar to MAX dimerization protein 3 aldo-keto reductase family 1, member C1 (dihydrodiol dehydrogenase 1; 20-alpha (3	10	7
AKR1C1		19	11	5
CDCA5	cell division cycle associated 5	4	11	3
LOC786844	similar to adlcan	15	11	3
LOC511100	Similar to Opa interacting protein 5	3	11	59
MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166	8	12	21
MGC140246	similar to plakophilin 2a placental growth factor, vascular endothelial growth factor- related protein	13	12	3
PGF	achaete-scute complex-like protein 2 /// achaete scute-like protein 2	36	13	16
mash2		13	13	16
MGC137880	similar to p76RBE protein	13	13	15
LOC514360	similar to desmoplakin isoform II	14	14	11
MGC157214	hypothetical LOC524166	22	14	4
TROAP	trophinin associated protein (tastin)	8	14	2
MGC157179	similar to Cyclin F	5	16	9
NUSAP1	nucleolar and spindle associated protein 1	3	17	4
LOC532126	similar to transmembrane protein 16A	31	18	4
LBP	lipopolysaccharide binding protein	34	20	2
KIF20A	kinesin family member 20A	3	20	14
LOC617336	similar to WGAR9166	22	24	3
LOC533089	similar to centromere protein F (350/400kD)	3	25	9
MGC151855	hypothetical LOC508022	3	26	4
LOC539360	similar to calpain 6	490	32	3
THBS4	thrombospondin 4	163	33	2
LOC533323	similar to cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase	39	41	4
LOC781091	hypothetical protein LOC781091	47	54	6
LOC782069	hypothetical protein LOC782069	59	57	36
LOC286871	uterine milk protein precursor	218	263	4

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LOC512082	similar to HGFL protein	-3	-3	-3
DSC2	desmocollin 2	-4	-4	-6
LOC616344	hypothetical LOC616344	-5	-4	-3
RASGEF1B	RasGEF domain family, member 1B	-22	-5	-7
LOC616344	hypothetical LOC616344	-5	-5	-4
IL18	interleukin 18 (interferon-gamma-inducing factor)	-13	-5	-4
LOC511229	similar to CARD8 protein	-8	-6	-13
FBXO32	F-box protein 32	-4	-6	-3
LOC511229	similar to CARD8 protein	-6	-6	-5
ABCA1	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family A (ABC1), member 1	-3	-7	-2
ISG15	ISG15 ubiquitin-like modifier	-4	-7	-2
MX1	myxovirus (influenza virus) resistance 1, interferon-inducible protein p78 (mous	-13	-8	-4
MEIS2	Meis homeobox 2	-20	-9	-2

APPENDIX 4: RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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